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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Educating The Resettled

WHEN the report of a single sitting of the Urban Council can occupy up to 14 columns in a newspaper, as did yesterday's meeting, the public are vividly reminded of the extraordinary extent to which the Council's activities have been enlarged, as well as the heavy call on the time of the Councilors in dealing with what have now become manifold problems relating to public welfare, health and sanitation.

In view of this many will feel some surprise that one member yesterday urged further responsibilities for Councilors by their appointment to committees outside the Urban Council but which deal with affairs which are to some degree interrelated with the work of the Council. The public-spiritedness which motivates the proposal is acclamation, but it does seem that if implemented it would impose severe additional demands on Councilors, who could, in any event, only report back, and absorb more of the Council's time in explanations and answers to questions. Not unexpectedly the officials refrained from opposing the motion on the clear understanding that the Council would not be able to debate decisions by Government-appointed boards and committees with which the UC obtained liaison.

OF the many questions raised at yesterday's meeting none produced more illuminating and significant replies than those relating to sanitary defects in resettlement blocks. The existence of dirty toilets, it was explained, was due firstly to insanitary habits of the dwellers, secondly to thefts of parts of the flush system, thirdly to inadequate supply of flush water. Dirty drains are largely caused by persons throwing refuse into them, and similarly this helps to cause perpetually wet washing places.

These disclosures clearly indicate the urgent need for education in health and sanitation among the people, previously squatters, who now occupy the resettlement flats. That provision for this is made in the current estimates will be welcomed by the public generally and if Government feels that the estimates have to be pruned, the axe should certainly not be applied in this direction. It is pointless to resettle squatters in reasonably decent flats if they are not at the same time taught how to look after them and to appreciate their new living facilities. The Council's estimates call for fairly heavy spending in the recruitment of personnel, but manifestly health education officers, sanitary inspectors and other assistants must exist in numbers appropriate to the rapid expansion of services which have come within the control of the Urban Council. The money spent in this direction will not be begrudged for there is every prospect of fully compensating results.

France Asked To Get Moving On Independence For Algeria

AFRO-ASIANS GET TOUGH

Break With Moderates

PINEAU REJECTS DEMANDS

United Nations, Feb. 5.

Eighteen of the 27 Afro-Asian nations demanded tonight that France grant Algeria the right of self-determination and open immediate negotiations for a ceasefire and a peaceful settlement of their dispute under UN auspices.

Government Deny 'Irresponsible' Report

A brief report published in the current issue of the American magazine Newsweek to the effect that "the British are seriously weighing the return of Hongkong to China" is entirely without foundation, a Government spokesman said today.

"There is absolutely no truth in this irresponsible report," the spokesman said, "and it can be taken as quite certain that Her Majesty's Government is not contemplating anything of the kind."

This is what Newsweek wrote: "It won't happen tomorrow or the day after, but the British are seriously weighing the return of Hongkong to Communist China, since the island is almost impossible to defend. Some British strategists feel voluntary withdrawal might pay dividends, providing they can get favorable trade agreements with Peking in exchange."

EXPLOSIONS ROCK RENO: TWO DEAD

Reno, Feb. 5.

Three underground gas explosions rocked Reno today, demolishing four large buildings, damaging others, and starting fires. At least two people were killed and more than 42 were injured.

Two department stores, a financial building and the Reno Elks Club were demolished. About 20 other structures were damaged by blast and fire. The fire raged unchecked for hours later. Mayor Ken Harris ordered an area of eight square blocks roped off and evacuated because continued gas leakage threatened still more explosions. Mr. Harris said 150 Nevada National Guardsmen were summoned to take over complete control of the evacuation area. —United Press.

BOISTEROUS WELCOME FOR ROCK AND ROLL KING

London, Feb. 5. Thousands of teenagers, colourfully clad and screaming hysterically, gave "Rock and Roll" band leader, Bill Haley a frenzied welcome to Britain today.

At Southampton, where his ship docked, and later when he arrived in London, enthusiastic fans swept aside crash barriers and fought with police for a glimpse of their idol.

The smiling, round-faced musician, who has come with his fellow singers to make a tour of Britain, took it all calmly, but looked pale and apprehensive when his car was engulfed by a surging mob at London's Waterloo Bridge.

For 10 minutes, police struggled with an uncontrollable crowd, while frenzied fans battered on the doors, the windows and the roof of the vehicle. A policewoman was injured and received first aid after falling. Police tried to smuggle Haley out of the docks when the liner, Queen Elizabeth, berthed, but the fans, mostly girls in bright jeans, stopped his car. His clothes were torn off his back and several girls were trampled in the rush. —China Mail Special.

LILLI SUES FOR DIVORCE



New York, Feb. 5. Lilli Palmer filed a divorce suit yesterday against Rex Harrison in Juarez, Mexico, giving "incompatibility" as the reason, the Daily News said today in a copyrighted report from Juarez. —United Press.

NAUTILUS CLOCKS 20,000 LEAGUES!

New London, Feb. 5. America's first atomic-powered submarine, Nautilus today clocked 20,000 nautical leagues under the sea when it reached a point about 120 miles off the New Jersey coast, its Commander, Captain Eugene Wilkinson, announced this morning.

The Nautilus thus lived up to the performance of its fictitious namesake, created by the famous French writer, Jules Verne, 87 years ago in his book "Twenty Thousand Leagues under the sea."

Twenty thousand nautical leagues is about 60,000 nautical miles (just over 100,000 kilometers). Newsmen who were allowed aboard the vessel for the occasion were not informed of the speeds or depths reached by the submarine. It was noted, however, that the Nautilus's performance was infinitely superior to that of a conventional type submarine.

Captain Wilkinson also praised the extreme manoeuvrability of the Nautilus, which would, with normal type engines, have used about 720,000 gallons of diesel fuel to cover 20,000 leagues. —France-Press.

'Red China An Outlaw'

Bloomington, Feb. 6. Mr. Walter Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, today denounced China as an "outlaw nation". He said he knew of no plan for the United States to recognize it.

Mr. Robertson accused the Peking regime of failing to keep agreements, killing about 18 million Chinese in seven years, and confiscating hundreds of millions of dollars in property without paying compensation. If the United States did recognize Communist China, it would mean "the liquidation of the Republic of China on Formosa."

He said Formosa was a "vital link in the free world's island chain of defenses in the Pacific." In addition, Mr. Robertson said, if the United States abandoned its commitments to protect Formosa, no Asian country would any longer feel it could rely on U.S. protection against the Communist threat. "These comparatively weak nations would have no other recourse but to come to terms, the best they could get, with the Peking colossus," he said. —United Press.

Commonwealth News

PLAN TO BRING BACK EIRE'

London, Feb. 6.

A scheme for the Irish Republic to rejoin the Commonwealth is "about to be sprung on Ireland, both north and south," the Daily Telegraph asserted today.

Its columnist, Peterborough, reporting this as a "big surprise," added: "Even more surprising is the source from which the idea is expected—Sean MacBride, founder of the Republican Party."

Saying that Mr. MacBride is reported to have pressed Mr. John Costello in 1946 to lead his country out of the Commonwealth, Peterborough comments: "The reason for Mr. MacBride's change of heart is Eire's dangerous economic situation."

It is further threatened by the projected European common market. Abolition of tariffs might bankrupt the country.

ELECTION SOON

"Mr. MacBride is believed to be hoping that the World Bank will come to the rescue by loans through OEEC on the ground that Eire is undeveloped. If this plan comes off, she might have to agree to the same Commonwealth status as that of India and Ceylon."

"No word about the project has yet appeared in the Irish press. But there seems no doubt that Mr. MacBride has caught the OEEC infection." Mr. MacBride recently led the three member Republican Party out of a coalition government led by Mr. Costello, creating a situation which has led to the announcement of a general election next month. —China Mail Special.

PAKISTAN MAY GO

From DEREK MARKS

London, Feb. 5.

There are grave dangers of a serious Commonwealth crisis arising over the Kashmir issue.

Britain's High Commissioner to New Delhi, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, has been specially instructed to urge the Nehru Government to accept a free plebiscite.

The indications are that MacDonald has failed in his mission. The fear now is that if she does not get justice from the United Nations, Pakistan will then ask other Commonwealth countries to give her full backing.

If such backing is not forthcoming, Pakistan may feel obliged to quit the Commonwealth.

The present Pakistan Government gave valuable support at the time of the Suez crisis. The British Government has been bluntly told that Pakistani ministers must take account of the growing feeling in their country that association with the Commonwealth yields no dividends.

In particular the sale of 68 Canberra bombers to India is regarded as outrageous. It with weapons which could easily conceivably be intended for use against Pakistan.

The situation will be discussed on Wednesday by an all-party group of MPs who are supporting Pakistan's case in Westminster. —London Express Service.

Safe On 'Haunted' Mountain

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 5. A Royal Air Force helicopter crashed today into a "haunted peak" in the Cameron Highlands in central Malaya. Reports reaching here tonight said none of the three occupants was injured, but the helicopter was said to be smashed. —Reuter.

'JUST A BUMP'



HARRY TRUMAN IN FALL: SIX STITCHES IN HEAD

Kansas City, Missouri.

Former President Harry Truman slipped and fell while walking near his home today, cutting his scalp.

Iraq's Appeal

Washington, Feb. 5.

The Crown Prince of Iraq, Amir Abdul Ilah, today asked President Eisenhower for more military aid, and said his country was "happy" about the American anti-Communist programme in the Middle East. —Reuter.

Not Going Yet

Moscow, Feb. 5.

An authoritative Egyptian source in Moscow today formally denied reports that President Gamal Nasser would visit the Soviet Union on February 9. "No date has been set, and it would not be so soon," he added. —France-Press.

"I just bumped my head, there's nothing wrong," said Mr. Truman.

But his doctor said he had six stitches and the two-inch wound at the back of his head was "clear to the bone."

BLEEDING

After striking his head when he slipped on an icy walk near his home at Independence, Mr. Truman continued to his office in Kansas City and it was not until nearly noon that the doctor was called in.

"He was bleeding like everything when he went to the office," said the doctor. "I stitched him up as he sat in his chair."

As to Mr. Truman's general health, the doctor said, "he's fine." —United Press.

YESTERDAY'S RAIN WAS ALMOST A RECORD

Yesterday was the second wettest February day recorded by the Royal Observatory Hongkong. A total of 2.89 ins (73.3 mm) of rain fell.

The record was established in February, 1949. A minimum temperature of 49.7 degrees was recorded at the Observatory in the early hours of this morning.

The recent cold weather in the Colony is due to the movement of a cold front which is bringing cold air down from Siberia.

To Be Tried

Reford, Feb. 5.

Two men who escaped from a criminal mental institution last month were committed yesterday for trial at Nottingham. Accused on charges of attempted murder and theft. The men, who were at liberty for four days, are Francis Samuel Mitchell, 27, and Richard Mosskell, 19. —China Mail Special.

Aid For Jordan

Amman, Feb. 5.

A royal decree issued today approved the Arab solidarity agreement by which Jordan will receive \$125 million aid from Arab countries to replace the British annual financial grant. —France-Press.

Egypt's New Move Against Israel

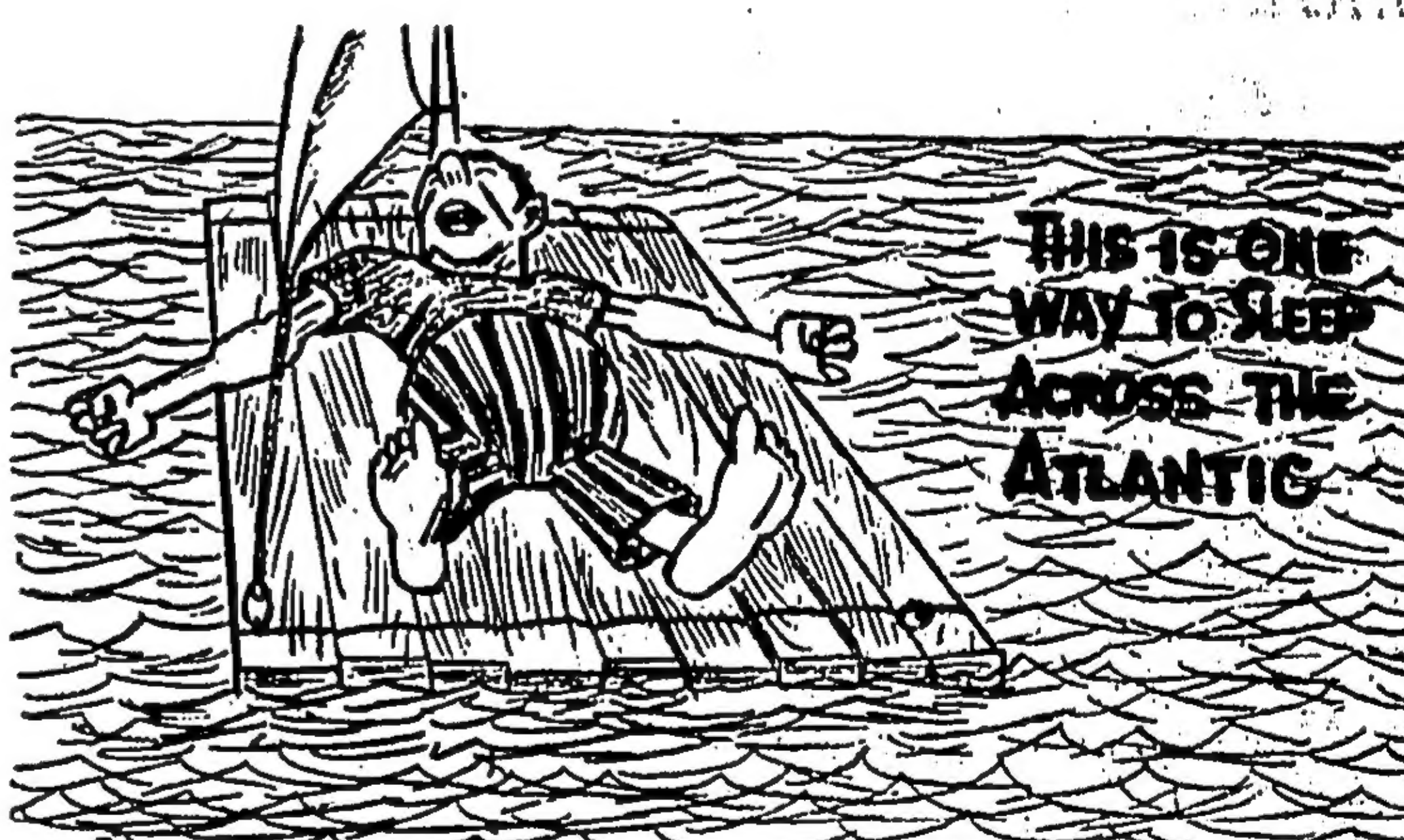
New York, Feb. 5.

Egypt today formally called for a new meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to debate Israel's failure to comply with six resolutions demanding that

she withdraw from Egyptian territory.

The Egyptian delegation did not specify a date for the proposed meeting. Should Israel not comply with the General Assembly's call for complete withdrawal by

that time, they said, the Asian-African group would probably introduce a resolution condemning its non-compliance and asking that member nations withhold all financial and technical assistance to Israel. —Reuter.



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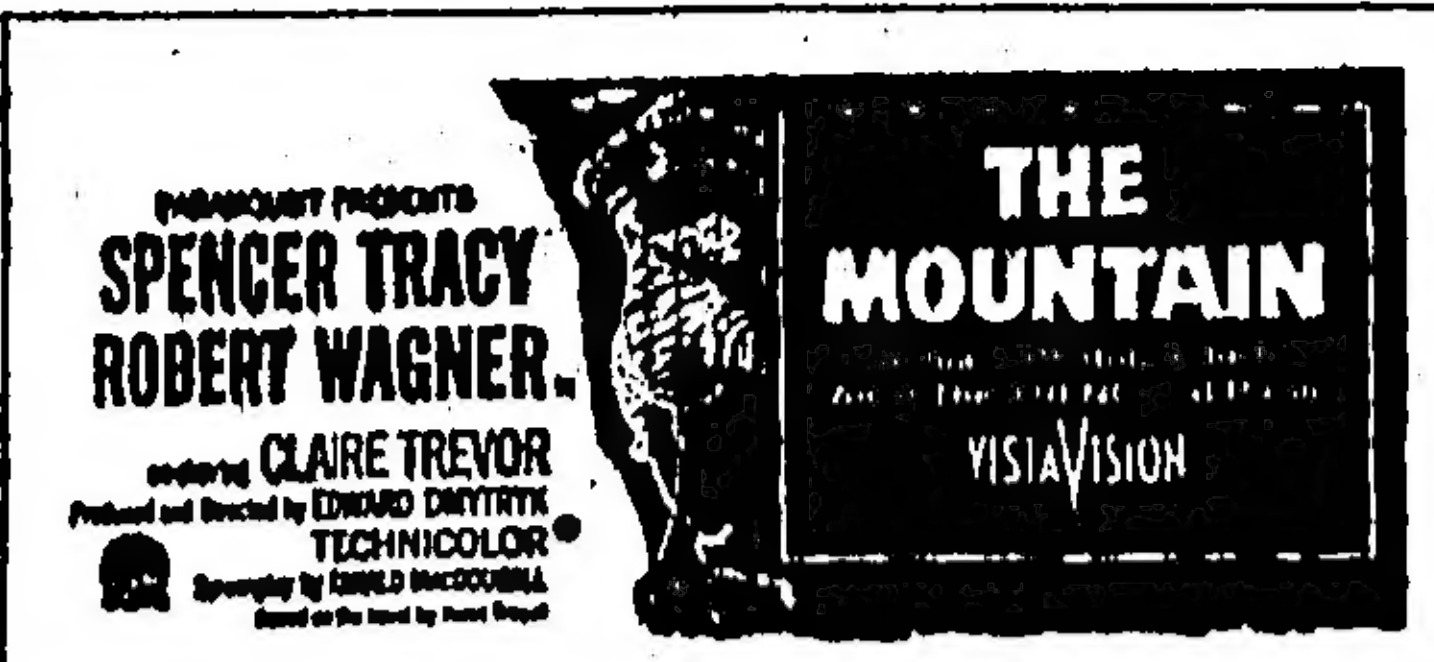
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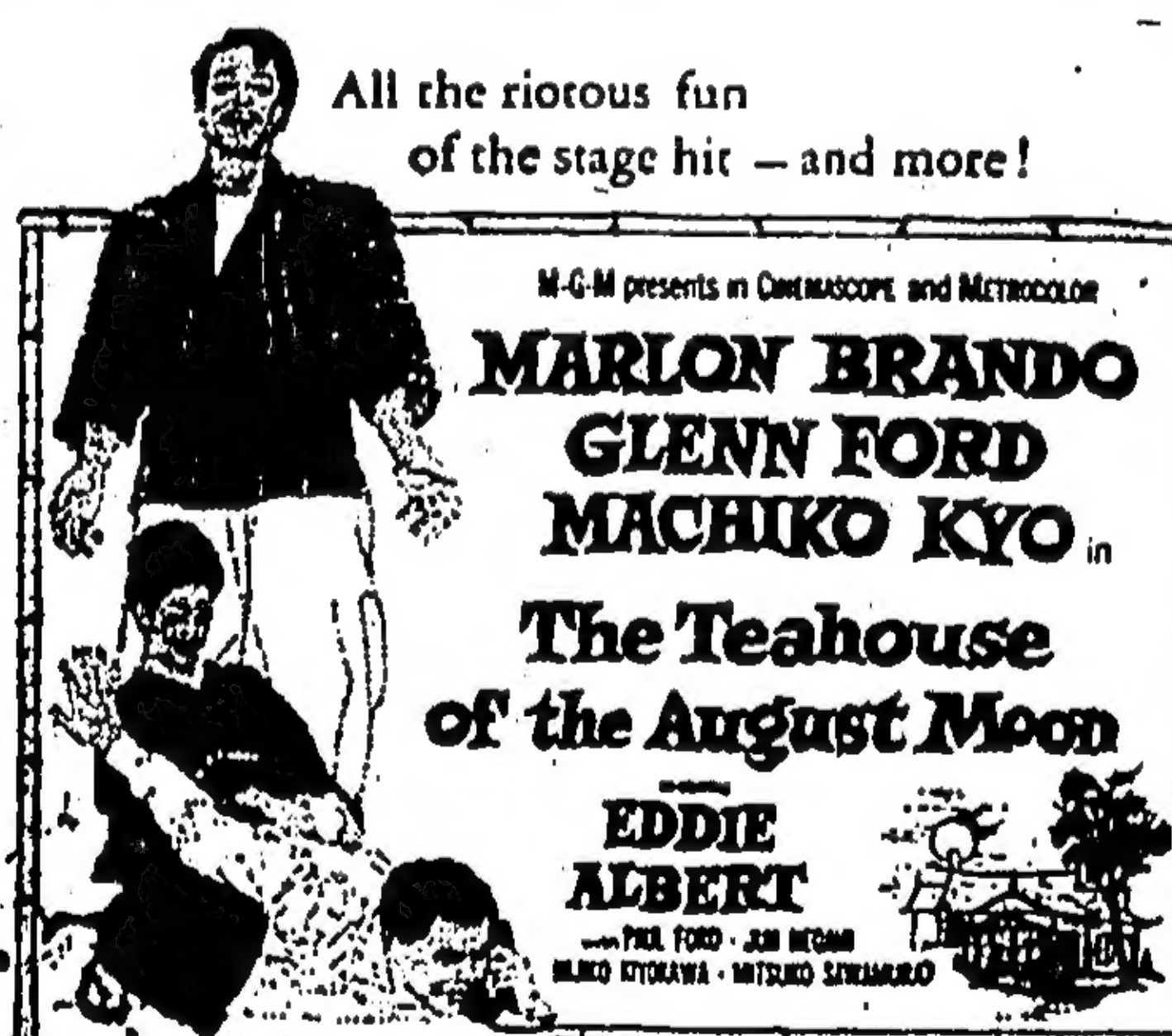
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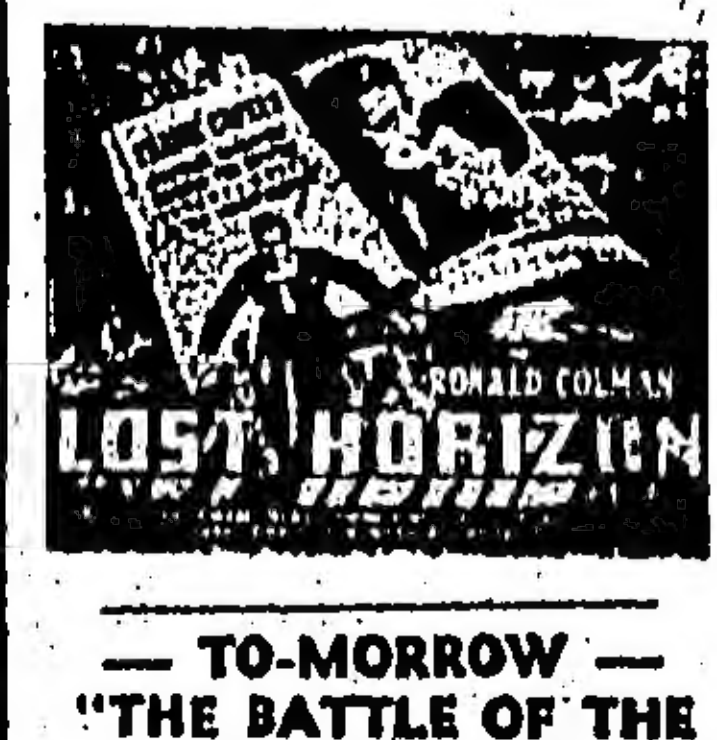
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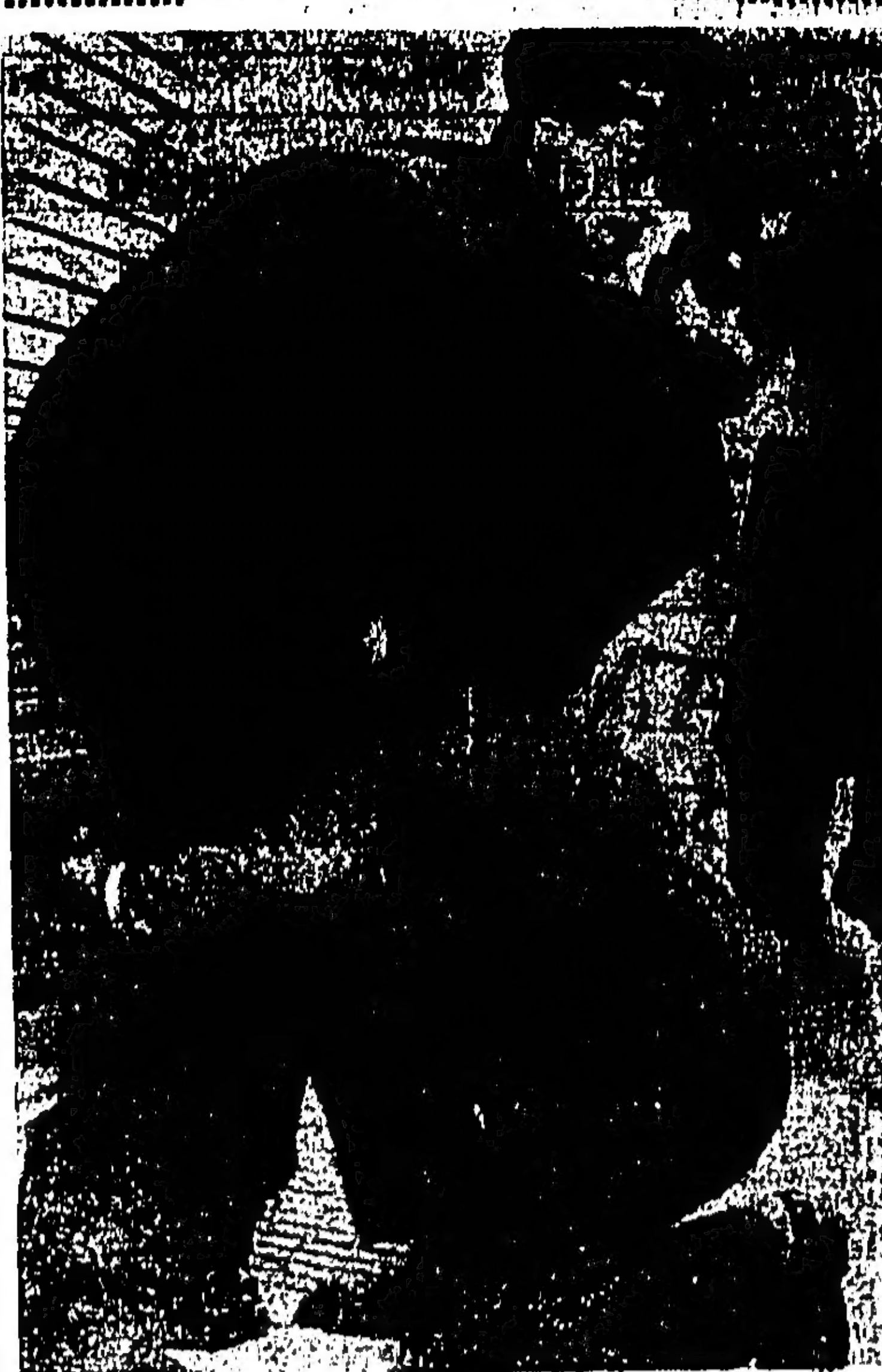
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ATHENS ANTI-TURKISH DEMONSTRATIONS



A scene from the recent anti-Turkish demonstrations in Clafthmos Square, Athens, in which students clashed with police. The demonstrations followed the burning in Nicosia by Turks of a number of Greek shops. This in turn followed the murder of a Turkish policeman.—Express Photo.

MOVE TO END TUG STRIKE

New York, Feb. 5.

The New York Board of Trade tonight urged President Eisenhower to invoke the Taft-Hartley Law to stop a five-day tugboat strike that has jeopardised the "health and welfare" of 15,000,000 persons.

Gold Coast Legislation Passed

London, Feb. 5.

The Ghana Independence Bill tonight cleared all its Parliamentary stages and now awaits the Royal assent to become law.

It turns the West African British colony of the Gold Coast into a sovereign independent state, Ghana, on March 6. Final Parliamentary action was taken tonight when the House of Lords gave the bill an unopposed third and final reading.

It was approved by the House of Commons just before Christmas.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED
In the Lords' debate, the Government defeated by 69 votes to 31 a Labour opposition amendment to delete from the bill a provision excluding Ghana from new Colonial Development Corporation aid after independence.

But the Government would review with Commonwealth countries the whole question of aid to newly-independent members and if necessary, consider legislation to provide it.

The funds of the Colonial Development Corporation are designed only for dependent territories.—China Mail Special.

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TESTING TIME AHEAD FOR ANGLO-US ALLIANCE

AUSTRALIA OUT OF POCKET

Canberra, Feb. 5.
Australia had an unfavourable trade balance of £16,000,000 in her travel account last year, Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies told 150 delegates at the opening session of the Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA) conference today.

Australians spent £22,000,000 travelling abroad, but visitors to this country spent only £8,000,000, he said.

"We must regard modern transport as a means of exchanging ideas and not a means of attack on other countries," Menzies said.

Sam Mercer, executive director of the PATA, said the Pacific is beginning to attract the rich American tourist market.

ACCOMMODATION

Reporting on improving hotel accommodation in Australia, Mercer said the travel business is increasing to such an extent that even Hawaii, with its tremendous hotel expansion, might find the pendulum swinging backward by 1960.

Mercer said 21 European nations permit tourists to enter with a passport and landing card only, but that regulations in visa and documentation are evident in the Pacific countries is a deterrent to travel there. He appealed to these countries to simplify their entry procedures.—United Press.

EURATOM'S MEN TO SEE IKE

Washington, Feb. 5.

Euratom's three "wise men" will call on President Eisenhower at the White House tomorrow afternoon, it was announced today.

The group is here to discuss with US officials plans for the supra-national nuclear pool. They are specifically interested in power reactor prototypes, nuclear fuel, their cost and availability. The wise men began talks with US Atomic Energy Commission officials this morning.

Being the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, and the President have given strong support to the creation of Euratom.

The group is made up of Franz Eitel of Germany, vice-president of the Coal and Steel Community, Louis Armand, president of the French railway system, and Francesco Giordani, president of the Italian Research Council.—United Press.

Air-Lifting Americans Out Of Haiti

Miami, Feb. 6.
Pan American Airways reported tonight that the US Embassy at Port-au-Prince, Haiti, had asked the airline to evacuate approximately 175 US citizens from the Haitian capital early tomorrow.

Pan American said it would dispatch a DC-6B, capable of carrying some 60 passengers, from Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, in time to begin the airlift from Port-au-Prince tomorrow.

The plane will carry the first load of Americans to Kingston, Jamaica, return 295 miles and transport a second load to Ciudad Trujillo, 300 miles from Port-au-Prince. The plane will then return to Haiti and fly the remaining US nationals to Miami.

Passengers landed at Kingston and Ciudad Trujillo will have an opportunity to board regularly scheduled PAA outward flights from those cities.

A general strike has been in progress in Port-au-Prince since Monday. Haiti's provisional President, Joseph Nemours Pierre-Louis, resigned on Sunday.—United Press.

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New York, Feb. 5.

Sir Harold Caccia, the British Ambassador to the United States, said today that the US must use its power and influence to bring about a settlement of Middle East problems.

He said the days ahead would be a testing time for the Anglo-American alliance as well as for the United Nations.

"We do not doubt that you have power and influence," he said. "Will you use it, rightly or wrongly? That is the plain question to which your principal ally is awaiting the answer."

He told a meeting of the English Speaking Union in New York that President Eisenhower's Middle East doctrine, which would give the President standby authority to use force to repel any Communist aggression there, was a US realization that the Middle East was an essential support area for its allies in Europe and, therefore, for the whole North Atlantic Alliance.

Soviet Pressure

Sir Harold said that Britain hoped that the doctrine would succeed. He added that both countries had learned that the moment they were divided the Soviet Union would step-up direct threats and indirect pressures against them. World peace was being preserved by the strength and unity of the free world and its policy of deterring aggression.—Reuter.

Developing Manpower

Washington, Feb. 5.

The Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) today announced a new expanded programme to help develop manpower for America's rapidly growing atomic industry.

Dr. Willard F. Libby, the Atomic Energy Commissioner, said the programme was designed "in the immediate future" to expand specialised nuclear energy technology for industrial and federal employees and a "quota of foreign nationals." As a long range project, he said, it would assist colleges and universities in establishing curricula and acquiring scientific equipment for use in nuclear science and engineering instruction.

It would also provide for a campaign to interest high school students in nuclear subjects.—China Mail Special.

KIEV LEADER RESIGNS

Moscow, Feb. 5.

The First Secretary of the Kiev area Communist Party Committee has resigned, following "a long illness," the Pravda Ukrainy reported.

The paper said the outgoing regional party leader, G. E. Grishko, has been replaced by his deputy, P. E. Shchelst.—France-Press.

SOMALIA BORDER TROUBLE

Rome, Feb. 5.

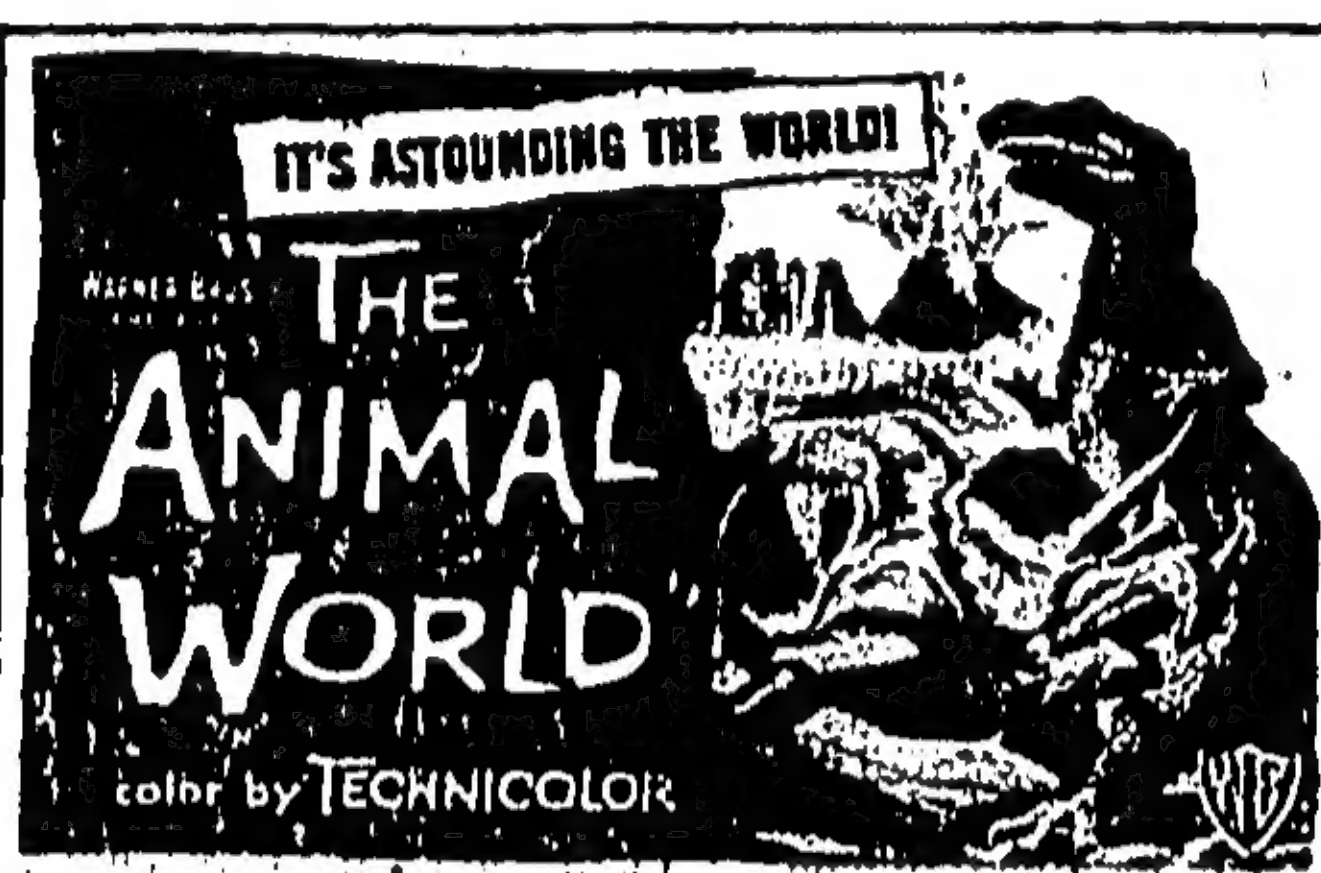
The Italian trust territory of Somalia, looking forward to complete independence in 1960, is having border trouble with Ethiopia, the President of the Legislative Assembly, Aden Abdullah Osman, said here yesterday.

Mr Osman added that it was not the "shooting kind" but a problem of defining the border between the two countries which since 1949 has been a source of "grave concern" to the people of the area and in particular for "shepherds and their grazing lands."

Mr Osman at present is en route to the United Nations as head of a three-man delegation scheduled to meet UN and Italian officials of the Trust Administration for Somalia.—United Press.

QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

SHOWING TO-DAY



NEXT CHANGE ! "ON THE WATERFRONT"

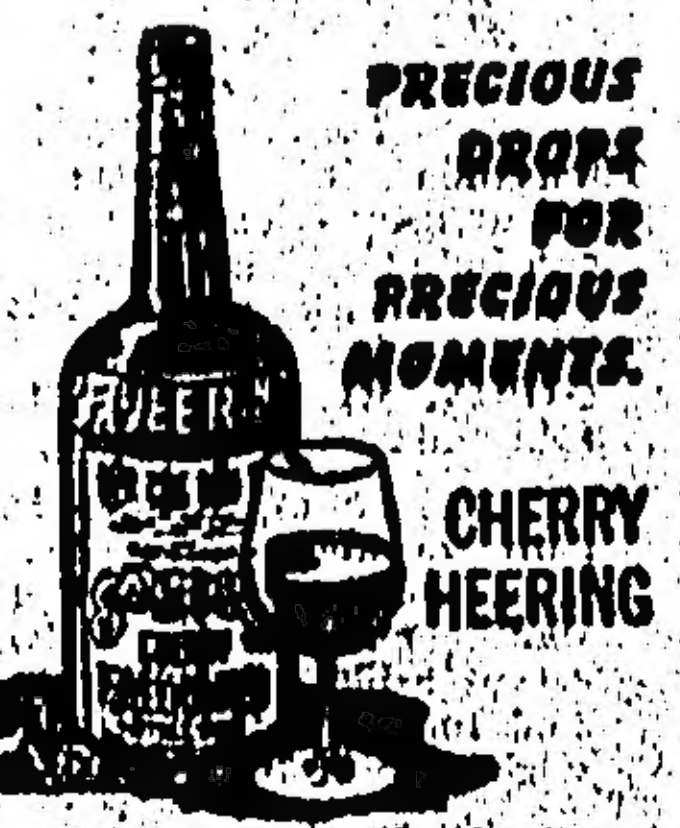
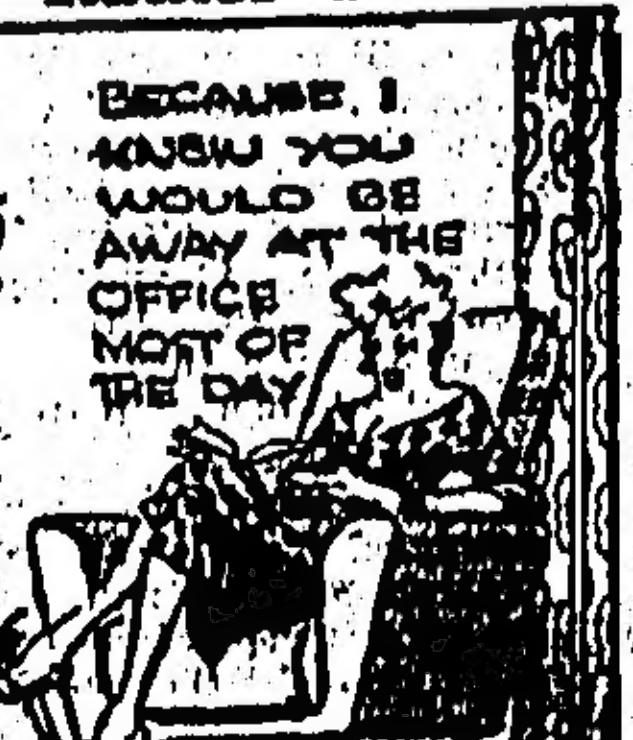
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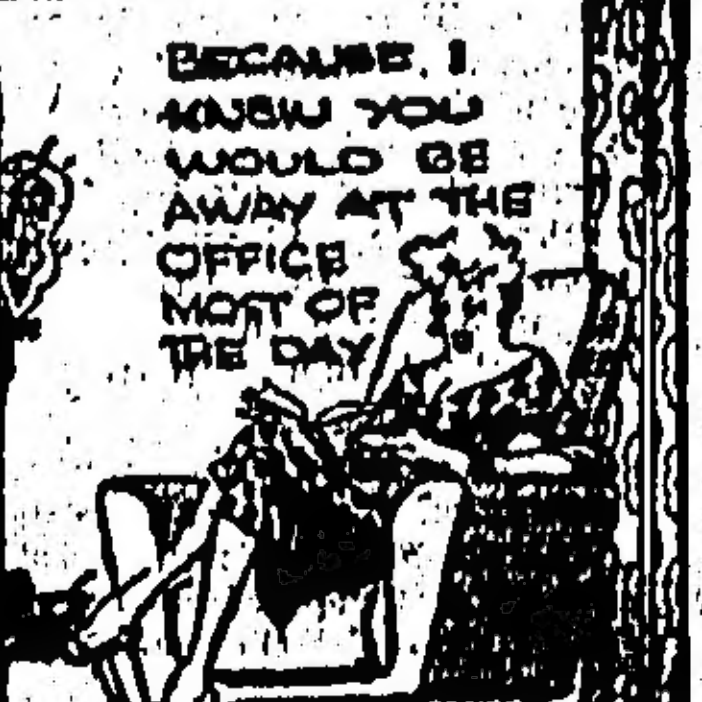
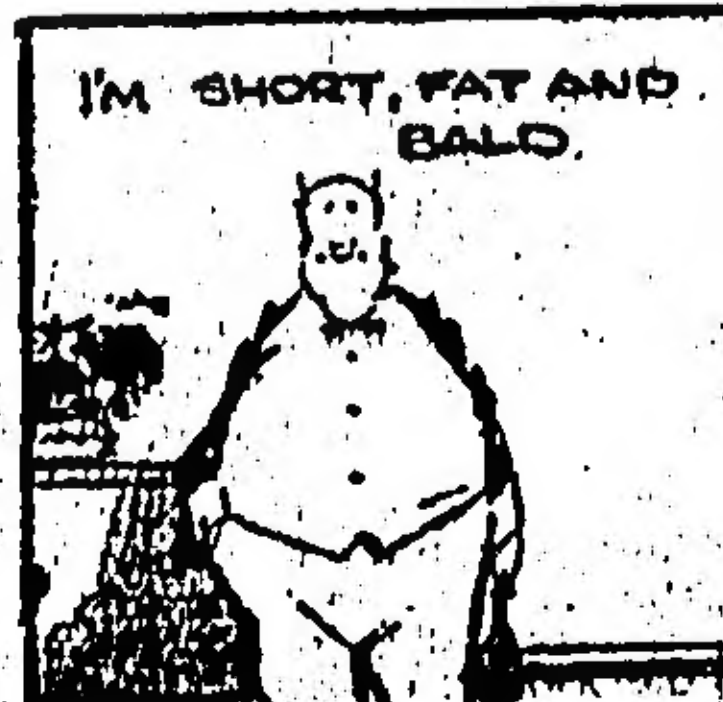
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SUEZ EMERGENCY END IN

Anglo-Egyptian
Resettlement
Organisation

London, Feb. 5. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today announced establishment of an Anglo-Egyptian Resettlement Board to take care of the 4,000 refugees from Egypt.

He also told the House of Commons that the Foreign Office has established a special section "to classify claims against the Government of Egypt of persons who suffered losses in their departure."

Macmillan appointed Lord Colyton, who was Colonial Minister of State until last year, Sir Humphrey Trevelyan, former Ambassador to Egypt, and Lord Listowel, former Socialist Colonial Secretary, to the Resettlement Board. It will take over the relief work previously carried out by private organisations.

MAKE LOANS

The Board will make grants or loans to refugees and will also pay educational commitments and relief allowances.

It will also pay Egyptian Government pensions "until arrangements are made for the Egyptian Government again to discharge its contractual obligations."

Labour member A.E. Hunter asked Macmillan if the British Government will pay compensation claims if Egypt refuses to pay them.

"I do not want to make any answer which will in any way derogate from our right and power at the appropriate time to make a proper claim on behalf of the British Government," Macmillan replied.

CONVERSION

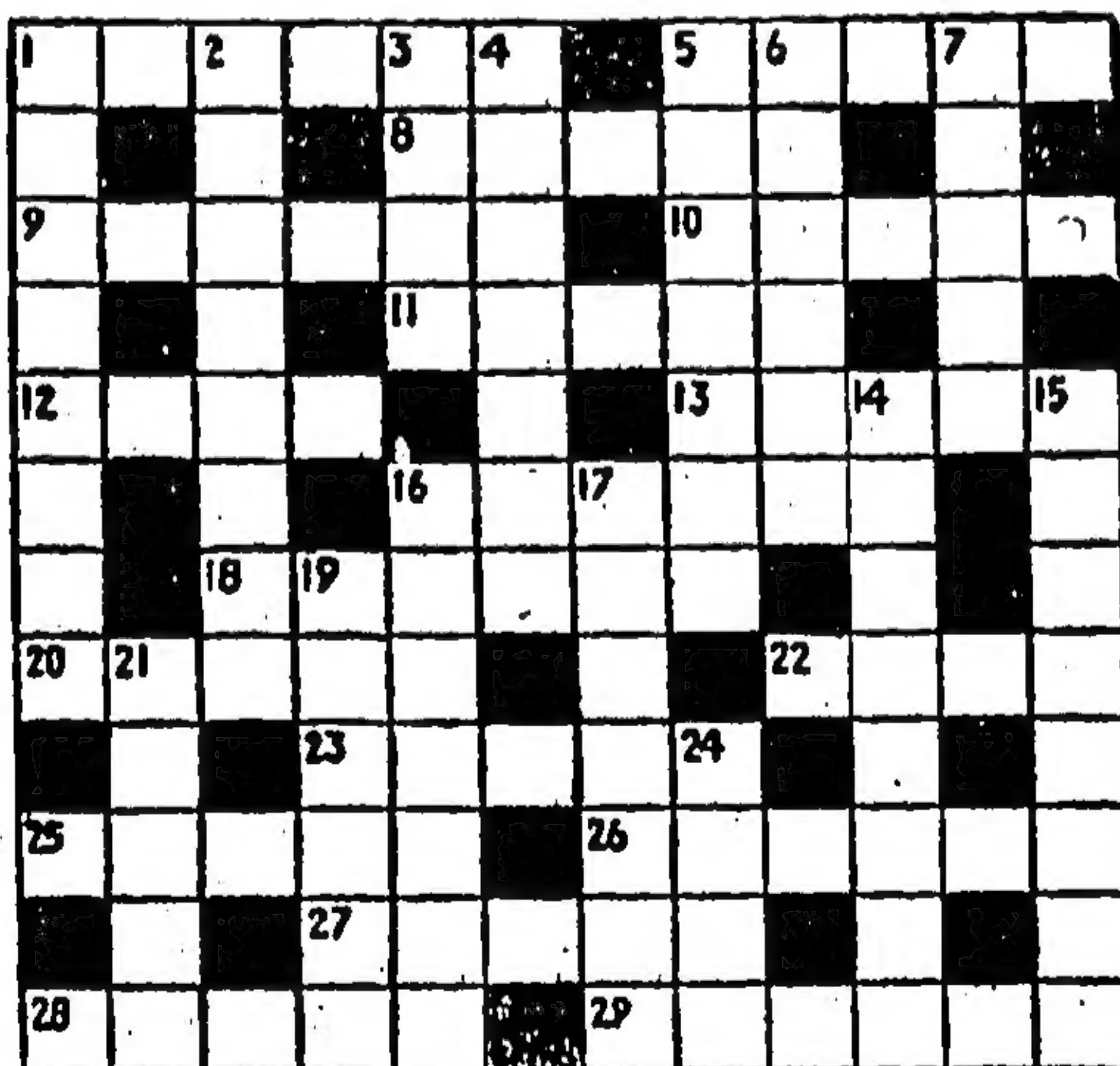
Conservative Hugh Fraser charged that Egyptian money brought out by refugees was being converted here at the rate of 12 shillings to the pound instead of the official rate of 22 shillings to the pound.—United Press.

LAST EGYPTIANS
REPATRIATED

Geneva, Feb. 5. The last group of Egyptian war prisoners held by Israel, comprising 202 men, has been repatriated, the International Committee of the Red Cross, announced today.

The operation took place under the observation of Red Cross delegates.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Habit (6).
- 2 Discourages (5).
- 3 Musical note (5).
- 4 Sterile (6).
- 5 Clear (6).
- 6 Of birth (5).
- 7 African (4).
- 8 Conical (6).
- 9 Expunge (6).
- 10 Sparks (6).
- 11 Ancestors (6).
- 12 Young creatures (4).
- 13 Blinder for back parts (6).
- 14 Pigment (6).
- 15 Fragment speech (6).
- 16 Inexperienced (6).
- 17 Mils (6).
- 18 Choochoo (6).

DOWN

- 1 Vegetables (8).
- 2 Measure of land (8).
- 3 Sign (4).
- 4 Mosquito lower (7).
- 5 Swells (7).
- 6 Lucky charm (6).
- 7 Forward, we hear, for snoots (6).
- 8 Control (8).
- 9 In being (8).
- 10 Coward (7).
- 11 Ambassadors (7).
- 12 Give up office (6).
- 13 Perfect (6).
- 14 Long for (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Edit, 7 Tramp, 8 Abet, 9 Atom, 10 Content, 12 Extra, 13 Afoot, 14 Sun, 15 Ideas, 16 Ruled, 22 Acid, 23 Bager, 24 Nigh, 25 Redcoats, 30 Iced, 31 Scam, 32 Storm, 33 Dead. Down: 1 Arrow, 2 Imitate, 4 Dillo, 5 Tame, 6 Dear, 9 Arion, 11 Erupt, 13 Rued, 14 Sash, 16 Fired, 17 Erin, 18 Slog, 20 Discard, 22 Aged, 24 Arena, 25 Smart, 27 Inch, 28 Hind.

SIGHT
Oil Lift
Not Good
Enough

Washington, Feb. 5. Mr Arthur Flemming, who as director of the Office of Defence Mobilisation, drew up the plan for emergency oil supplies for Europe, said today that the Suez emergency "may be shorter than we thought."

He was addressing a United States Senate Committee investigating oil price increases since the Suez crisis.

He added: "Looking at it from the purely engineering point of view, I believe it would be possible to clear the Suez Canal much earlier than had been expected, at least for some of the traffic."

The dates of March 1 and March 15 had been mentioned. "I am not making any prophecy as to when the political problems may be solved," he added.

Asked when the Iraq pipe line could be restored, Mr Flemming replied that this was essentially a political problem.

Some Time

If the political problem were solved, 200,000 barrels a day could be moved through the pipeline almost immediately. But it would be some time before the pumping stations in Syria could be repaired and the pipeline restored to its capacity of 340,000 barrels a day.

Mr Flemming said he was "very disappointed" that the oil lift to Europe had left Europeans with a very serious situation so far as fuel oil was concerned.

"We should be able to do better," he said. He had been disappointed to note an increase in crude oil shipments from Venezuela to the U.S.

The run from Venezuela to Europe was shorter than the U.S. But American importers claimed the Venezuelan oil was needed to make up American Middle East supplies which had been diverted to Europe.

Mr Flemming said he did not have much evidence to form a conclusion.—China Mail Special.



Haven-haired Nadja Regin, a Yugoslav actress, has just completed her first British movie. She is due to go shortly to Germany to start a new film. She is married to a Polish businessman.—Express Photo.

INDIA ADAMANT
OVER KASHMIR

United Nations, Feb. 5.

Mr Krishna Menon, head of the Indian delegation to the United Nations, stressed today in a press conference that the position of India in the Kashmir question was not at all in opposition with Indian commitments given earlier to the UN Commission for India and Pakistan.

Mr Menon recalled that the resolution of August 13, 1948 of the Commission, accepted by India had three parts. The first one concerned a ceasefire, which was achieved.

The second part dealt with a "truce agreement." As a basis of this agreement, the resolution envisaged first the withdrawal of Pakistani forces and tribesmen, second, the withdrawal of the bulk of Indian forces, India having the responsibility for security of the territory.

Third Step

Only as a third step, conditioned by the two first ones did the resolution refer to negotiations between the parties with the purpose of holding a plebiscite in Kashmir and Jammu.

The second part of the resolution was never carried out by Pakistan, who never withdrew its troops from Kashmir and annexed part of the territory, Menon said.

Therefore the question of the withdrawal of Indian troops and a plebiscite never arose. Further resolutions of the Commission gave more details about the procedure of demilitarisation, but the basic conditions and chronology for a plebiscite were never changed, Menon said.

Moreover, Mr Menon asserted, the discussions with the UN Commission proceeded on the principle that there would be a peaceful atmosphere and no inclination to hatred.

Conditions Changed
This prerequisite also has not been respected by Pakistan, Mr Menon said, referring to "propaganda for a holy war," conducted in Pakistan and Azad Kashmir and adding: "Religious sentiment cannot be injected in free elections."

In addition, the Indian diplomat said, conditions have changed since the adoption of the August 1948 resolution. The agreement was reached in the context of a certain equilibrium of forces. Pakistan had concluded a military pact with the United States and other nations and, whether this military assistance is given for fighting the Russians or others, India cannot ignore the fact that it is being given to a neighbour state, making hostile statements against India.

Violation

Referring to the "remedy" proposed by Pakistan, that is the sending of a United Nations force into Kashmir, Mr Menon said it would be an illegal action and a violation of the sovereignty of India, as no

United Nations, Feb. 5. The UN Economic Committee ended today the discussion of a projected special UN fund for the economic development of under-industrialised areas, to be dubbed "Sunfed."

The Committee received proposals on the project put forward by some 40 nations and will start voting on them tomorrow.

A 39 nation proposal, called for the setting up of a special committee to draw up a statute for Sunfed, Egypt, Iraq, and Pakistan proposed this committee should be enlarged from 16 members to 19.

Denmark proposed this committee should not draw up a statute but instead should study other formulas put forward by member nations in reply to a UN questionnaire.

The committee should report on its study to the next session of the Assembly, the Danish delegation said.—France-Press.

Yugoslav
ActressCHOU ENDS
TOUR OF
ASIA

Calcutta, Feb. 5.

Mr Chou En-lai, China's Prime Minister, left for Peking by air this morning on the conclusion of an extended tour of Asian countries.

The Indian Airlines Sky-master, carrying Mr Chou and his party, including the Vice-Premier, Marshal Ho Lung, arrived here late last night from Colombo and left a few hours later.

Before he left Mr Chou told reporters at the airport that the purpose of his tour had been fulfilled.

The object of his tour was threefold—to seek friendship, world peace and knowledge.

GOOD PROGRESS

He added that he had made good progress in these directions.

A correspondent drew Mr Chou's attention to a Moscow report appearing in a London newspaper that efforts would be made to revive the Cominform and asked whether China would or would not co-operate in such a move.

Mr Chou replied: "When I was recently in Moscow I heard nothing about such a move. Nor have we contemplated anything of the kind."—Reuters.

Boston Buys
Rembrandts

Boston, Feb. 5.

The Boston Museum of Fine Arts today announced acquisition of two Rembrandt paintings—the only full length portrait by the Dutch master ever exhibited in the United States.

No price was disclosed by the museum but other sources said an estimate of 500,000 dollars would be reasonable. The purchase was the largest single acquisition in the museum's 80-year history.

The portraits, of the Reverend Johannes Elison and his wife, of Norwich, England, are well known to Rembrandt scholars but have been exhibited publicly only twice, in London and Paris. The portraits—signed and dated 1634 by Rembrandt—have been handed down for more than 200 years in the family for whom they were painted.

Experts believe the subjects are the only English people Rembrandt ever painted.—China Mail Special.

Cairo, Feb. 5. President Nasser called a meeting of the Egyptian Cabinet here tonight. The meeting was being held in the Presidency.—Reuters.

SUEZ OPERATION RATED SLOW

London, Feb. 5. A FORMER Labour War Minister, Mr John Strachey, today criticised the recent British military operation in Egypt as "terribly slow, cumbersome and heavy."

"It was like watching a film in slow motion," though it had been said it was to be a swift, clean, surgical operation, he told the House of Commons. Mr Strachey was speaking on a government motion asking for an extra £35 million sterling for the Army budget, including £20,000,000 sterling to pay for the Suez emergency.

He said the lesson of Suez was that the present type of army was "totally unsuited to our present needs."

"We must undertake the abolition of national armies (conscripted) and build an all-regular, all-professional army," he declared.

Mr Strachey said the original operation, "Musketeer," mounted in August but not carried out, was to land at Alexandria and go straight to Cairo to overthrow Colonel Nasser.

One of the deficiencies of the Port Said operation, was that the forces did not carry with them a military force of military government to set up there, he said.—China Mail Special.

BAGHDAD PACT
NOW MAKING
SENSE TO SAUD

Washington, Feb. 5.

The visit of Crown Prince Abdul Ilah of Iraq to King Saud at Blair House tomorrow will be followed by an official visit of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi of Iran to King Saud at Riyadh in Saudi Arabia in March.

Highly informed diplomatic sources told United Press that King Saud appears already to have a better understanding of the Baghdad Pact countries during his visit here.

They said the fact that Saud saw Ambassador of Iran Dr Ali Amiri on Sunday and Ambassador Haydar Gork of Turkey and Ambassador Mohammed Ali of Pakistan today also is considered evidence of a new relationship among Middle Eastern countries which it is known is welcomed by the Administration here.

Greater Understanding

It is understood this is the first time for some years that Saud has conferred for any length of time with a high Turkish official and the Turkish Embassy attaches great importance to the meeting.

Amiri was the first of the Baghdad Pact Ambassadors to seek a meeting with Saud and it is understood he suggested such meetings with him to explain their countries' positions as regards the Pact and the necessity to come together to defend themselves against communism.

The sources said Saud arrived here with the view that the Baghdad Pact was not a good thing from the Arab viewpoint and that its founding was due to former British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden rather than Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. He also believed that Turkey had been too friendly with Israel.

Chief Enemy

However, in conversation with some of the diplomats of these countries Saud is reported to have seen the wisdom of their getting into an alliance to defend themselves against communism, the sources said.

Saud has further acknowledged that communism is the chief enemy in the Near East and said so to at least one ambassador. The fact he did not mention communism and Israel as co-equal enemies is regarded as of some importance here.

The sources also said Saud appears to realise that if any of the Baghdad Pact countries were the victims of aggression then Saudi Arabia itself would be seriously menaced by communism.

They added that Saud appears to agree that all the Moslem countries in the Near East should eliminate their differences and face the real problems in the Near East such as communism.

The greater understanding

The greater understanding that Saud now appears to have of these countries, the sources said, does not mean he is likely to enter into any pact with them in the near future but it does mean he is now prepared to regard them as friends and this is a big gain.

The sources believed that Abdul Ilah, when he reaches Saudi tomorrow, will ensure that Iraq wants the friendliest relations with Saudi Arabia and that the Hashemite Dynasty to which he belongs is not in the least interested in regaining any of its former territories.

Mr Mohammed Ali, after conferring for 40 minutes with Saud said: "I feel the King can play a very important role in preserving the security of the whole Middle East and in keeping the area safe from Communist infiltration."

Courtesy Call

"He is quite aware of the Communist danger. I feel he understands the reasons for the Baghdad Pact."

All described his midday visit to Blair House as primarily a "courtesy call" on the King of Saudi Arabia. But he made clear that policy matters were the main subject of discussion.

"We talked about many Middle Eastern matters," he said. "This included the Eisenhower doctrine and the Baghdad Pact. He has expressed his favourable view of the doctrine, as you know, and I feel he fully appreciates the necessity for the Baghdad Pact."

Stand Appreciated

Asked if the Middle East problems discussed included Suez, Mr Ali replied: "Not Suez specifically, but we did discuss Egypt."

"I think it is very good that the King has come to Washington," said Mr Ali. "I think he fully appreciates the United States stand toward the Middle East and Asia."—United Press.

Burdimi Dispute

Saud Urged
To Re-open
Diplomatic
Relations

Washington, Feb. 5.

King Saud of Saudi Arabia has been urged by United States officials to re-open diplomatic relations with Britain in a new attempt to settle the Buraimi Oasis dispute, an authoritative source said today.

Buraimi was on the agenda of the talks which President Eisenhower and King Saud held at the White House last week.

Saudi Arabia broke off diplomatic relations with Britain as well as with France, on November 6 as a result of the Anglo-French attack on Egypt.

United States officials were said to have discussed King Saud's suggestion that the dispute might be brought before the United Nations.

ON AGENDA

Buraimi was placed on the agenda of the White House talks at the insistence of the King, but President Eisenhower took the position that it was fundamentally a dispute between Britain and Saudi Arabia and should be solved without direct United States intervention, according to a highly placed source here.

Britain and Saudi Arabia have been in dispute for years over Buraimi, a cluster of potentially oil-rich oases in the East Arabian Desert.

Britain, which assumes responsibility for foreign and defence affairs for sheikhs and sultans along the northern and eastern shores of the Arabian Peninsula, has charged King Saud with financing a campaign of subversion in an attempt to oust Britain from the region.

United States officials told King Saud, who is to meet President Eisenhower again later this week, that if diplomatic relations were resumed, Washington then would try to bring the two nations together again for new talks.—Reuters.

Unemployment
Problem In
Poland

Warsaw, Feb. 5.

A growing unemployment problem in Poland has been made more acute by the whole dismissing of civil servants, it was officially stated in Warsaw today.

A national conference was told by Mr A. Tuzyski, director of a special commission, that the urgent unemployment problems were caused by three factors: the Government's present drive against superfluous people in administration, the inflow of Polish repatriates from Russia, and the number of graduates from universities and secondary schools.

The Minister of Labour, Mr A. Zawadzki, said that cutting the "overgrowth" in the administration would involve the re-education and re-employment of many thousands of men and women.

"This is undoubtedly a painful operation but it is necessary. The working class can no longer carry the burden of the present cost of production and the inflated administrative apparatus," he said.—China Mail Special.

First Antarctic
Patient
Is Doctor

Wellington, Feb. 5.

Dr George Marsh, a member of the New Zealand Antarctic expedition, has been flown by an Australian aircraft from the party's ship Endeavour as the first patient for the Scott Base hospital.

The doctor is still suffering from the effects of an illness contracted while leading the expedition's skidding team across the Ross Ice Shelf.

A report received here from the Antarctic expedition described it as one of the many "one-way" trips between ship and base in a day—three days by the little aircraft.

In that time, it has also made an exploratory flight up Skelton Glacier, landed beside the advanced field party, flown half a dozen times to the foot of Skelton with geological teams and their supplies and shadowed the trail-blazing skid team working across the Ross Ice Shelf.—China Mail Special.



Marshall Tito, President of Yugoslavia, recently held a Hunting Party for ambassadors and plenipotentiary ministers accredited to Yugoslavia. From left are: Marshal Tito, the Japanese Minister, J. F. Wagner, the Swiss Minister Walter Wodak, the American Ambassador Arvo Levay, the Soviet Minister, and Marshal Tito. On right are B. E. Covic, the Brazilian Ambassador, and J. J. Roushey, the Egyptian Ambassador. Picture below shows the Marshal, second from right, with the ambassadors of Greece, West Germany, and the United Kingdom. As they prepare to meet for themselves.—Express Photo.

What! No Hot Bath For Mr. Maugham?

WHEN I came into the room, the Old Party was waiting for me. . . . hunched up in one corner of the settee reading the evening paper.

He was wearing a crumpled suit and elastic-sided suede shoes. Round his neck hung a monocle.

The curtains of his hotel suite were drawn, but through a chink I could see the head-lamps of cars far below, splashing ribbons of light up and down Park Lane.

When the Old Party saw me his ancient face—etched like a valley in which the river of life is running dry—splintered into a welcoming smile.

"Hello," he said.

"Hello," I said.

"Well," I said, "You always tell me you come to London for good conversation. Did you find any this time?"

"No," said the Old Party. "No good conversation at all. It has all been most melancholy."

"Maybe you should have done the talking?"

SMALL TALKER

His mask-like face did not change expression. But the hooded eyes which have gazed upon 83 winters smiled a little.

"No," I like to listen—not to talk. I am a poor conversationalist. That's because I stammer and am shy."

"Incredible," I thought, but true. Maugham—who has done it all, whose books have sold over 25,000,000, who will have more money than any writer in history (£500,000 is a good guess)—is the shyest of men.

"In a few days," said the Old Party, "I am going back to my home on the Riviera. And I must say I am a little apprehensive. My house is heated by oil. I am told I shall not even get enough to enjoy a hot bath."

RODERICK MANN

"You will have to rise above it," I said. "After all, you see yourself up as an impartial observer of life's vagaries."

"That is an amusing phrase," said the Old Party.

"I think so too," I said. "You wrote it."

"Did I?" said the Old Party. "Perhaps. I don't remember everything I've written."

"I said: 'If I may trot out a particularly banal question—are you looking forward to anything in particular?'"

"Nothing," said the Old Party. "I have not much time left. What thinking I do is mostly of the past. He looked melancholy, suddenly, like an ancient, untended Chinese cypress. "One must think of something, you know."

I said: "Have you seen many friends in London?"

Oh, yes," said the Old Party. "Though I have outlived all my old ones save one—Winston Churchill. He is five months younger than I. We have been friends for 50 years."

"What do you think of young people today?" I asked.

He considered the question for a moment. Then: "I must be honest—I do not understand them. And I don't think I particularly want to. It was because I no longer understood present-day life that I gave up writing fiction you know."

The man who considers himself the best dry Martini mixer on the Riviera ("Four parts gin, one part vermouth, and rub

some ice around the rim of the glass") got up.

"I view most things today with equanimity. I am no longer distracted by things, as once I was. You know—when I first moved into my villa at Cap Ferrat my study had a magnificent view of the Bay of Nice. Instead of writing I would sit all day looking out over the water. You know what I did?"

"No," I said.

"I had the window bricked up," said the Old Party.

I said: "That makes you a bricked-up observer of life's vagaries."

"I like that phrase," said the Old Party. "I like that phrase. Did I really write it . . . ?"

SMALL TALK

ASKED how he thought he stacked up against Shakespeare, Ernest Hemingway is reported to have said: "Shakespeare's stuff is different—but that's not to say it's inferior. There are passages in Shakespeare to which I'd have been quite pleased to put my name."

I wonder which they were.

HEALTHY - FADDIST

Gloria Swanson sends me her recipe for Seaweed Cocktail. It reads:—

"First, shake out the sand . . ."



Following the announcement that Rommel's ex-chief of staff, Lieut.-General Speidel, is to command the British Army of the Rhine . . .

Even his friends can't tell when he is laughing at them. He's a modern mystery . . . a poet who can make money by his trade . . .

the English-American Eliot

By LES ARMOUR



aspiration and the human condition, the futility of striving after permanence in a world of ceaseless change, the hopelessness of trying to come to a total understanding in a lifetime up to be cut short at any moment.

His feelings, however, have never blinded him to simple practicalities. He is more than a sleeping partner in the publishing firm of Faber and Faber.

He has never lost the professional banker's intuition for a good risk—nor the professional writer's appreciation of his public and what it wants.

Unpredictable

For just that reason, literary critics and scholars tend to regard him doubtfully and serious youths of the "angry young man" schools take him to be the very epitome of the cherubised bourgeois.

His only reaction to his critics is a twinkle behind his glasses.

His friends who know him as "Possum" (a nickname derived from his artistic works about cats) regard him as utterly unpredictable—and even they are never quite sure when he is laughing at them.

Why MUST men take us so seriously?

by AMANDA MARSHALL

THE best parlour game in the world is the game of generalising about women. Perhaps it is most successful when played by men, as they enjoy working off a lot of old grudges and proving their natural superiority, and women, who can turn even a straight insult into an implied compliment, ask for nothing more than to remain the perpetual topic of conversation.

Experts who may have become bored with the women-in-general line of talk can progress to national characteristics in women. This affords really magnificent opportunities for unendingly nurtured prejudices, usually based on hearsay, celluloid, illustrated magazines and sixth-hand experiences.

English women have good skin, no dress sense, and are taught by Nanette that England is a man's country, with horses coming a close second. French women are chic, ferociously shrewd shoppers, and lead very undisciplined, not to say immoral, lives between tea-time and dinner.

Freckle-faced

American women, either run international careers and look

like Clare Boothe Luce, or are simple, freckle-faced girls—coy-dour and look like Doris Day.

These days it has become something of a fashion to play this cheerful game quite seriously. Woman has become so much of a worry to advertisers, television planners, sociologists, bank managers, economists, anthropologists, manufacturers, and those unhappy Members of Parliament who feel tools when asked to kiss babies, that solemn books are being written about her in the same way that people write about bee-keeping, stamp-collecting or head-hunting in Borneo.

The whole business is getting out of hand and sometimes I hanker after the dear old days when men refused to take women seriously and gave the poor simple things diamonds instead of votes to keep them quiet and happy.

The latest newcomer is Mr. Hendrik de Leeuw, American author of a very angry and untidily written book with a three-thought title: *Woman, the Dominant Sex*, from Bloomers to Bikinis.

Mr. de Leeuw explains at length that the contemporary American woman is very often greedy, bossy, cold-blooded, frustrated, domineering, power-mad and a good deal more besides, has acquired dominance over American society, is out to steam-roll men into object submission and has forgotten that women are "feminine first, and human beings after." If you can follow that tricky line of thought.

Are American women really such monsters of frozen ambition and barren self-seeking? I know some quite jolly ones who seem to have no obsessive urge to put their husbands through the mincer and serve them up as hamburgers at a business-girls' luncheon.

Do it gently

If you are going to attack them (which, realists would say, is primarily what women are around for), it is better to do it gently, like the Helen Holleston cartoons of sad, portly American ladies with the undoubted spirit of teenagers eternally buying beauty in expensive pots and treatments, or like Thurber, who courteously and briefly—crankily—"Though statisticians in our time have never kept the score, Man wants a good deal more below and Woman, even more."

When Thurber draws a vast, predatory woman towering over a modest house and an even modest man, one sees his point sympathetically. Against cross, over-excited characters like Mr. de Leeuw even I, no feminist by nature, am prepared to defend women all along the line. Is it perhaps time someone wrote a book called *Man, and Don't Worry So Much About It?*

• *Woman the Dominant Sex*, from Bloomers to Bikinis, by Hendrik de Leeuw. Arco, 16s. 21s. 6d.

"Enjoy Crashing?"

The Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory have a new car. And it is made for crashes. The potentially lethal steering wheel is replaced by a lever-type power-steering system. Other safety devices include the driver's seat in the centre of the car (for better visibility) backward-facing bucket seats for passengers, safety belts, roof padding and all-round bumpers.

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He went on to Harvard and from Harvard to the Sorbonne and from the Sorbonne to Oxford.

He is a member of the Order of Merit, an honorary Doctor of Literature of London, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Bristol, Leeds, Washington and Paris Universities, an honorary Doctor of Laws of Edinburgh and St. Andrews Universities, and a Doctor of Philosophy of the University of Munich.

He dresses like a diplomat. He has never worn a beard. His hair is always neatly combed.

Once he was a very successful banker. Now he is a very successful publisher.

And, of course, he is a poet—at times a highbrow, inscrutable, hyper-intellectual poet.

But he has never quite lost his ear for the steam whistles of the Mississippi.

They blame through his poems with a raucous hoot, they can suddenly turn his most gentlemanly plays into a riot.

The easy way

And that, perhaps, is the reason why T.S. Eliot is very close to being the only man alive who can make his living out of poetry.

His plays can keep the queues going for years in London and New York. He can usually—though not, indeed, always—be understood even by the least poetic of men.

All in all, his current income from his books and plays is estimated at more than £3,000 a year—a record for a poet.

He did not get to the top the hard way.

His education continued until he was 27. Then he went to work in a junior bank executive. His employers report that he was extremely efficient, conscientious, and highly skilled at detailed work with figures.

His first major poem, "The Waste Land," won him instant acclaim as a major poet. And it has continued to sell steadily ever since.

Eliot has acquired the Englishman's slight alarm at the spectacle of sterner, more dogmatic faiths.

For himself, he prefers moderation.

His personal life has been wholly without the emotional storms and stresses which tradition associates with poetry. His first marriage was a model of

serenity and the death of his wife in 1947 cut him deeply.

Now he has married his private secretary—who has been almost a part of his family for nearly a decade. Characteristically, he sought to avoid all fuss and fanfare and even went to the length of arranging the wedding service for 6 a.m.

All this may suggest that the man is complacent, colourless, even dull.

His outward calm, however, is very much a facade.

His sense of humour is as finely sharpened as a surgeon's scalpel and he once turned out a book of verses about cats which has been a best-seller ever since.

His mind is alive to all the drama of everyday life.

"The Cocktail Party," Eliot's most philosophical play, paints a dramatic contrast between the life of calm domesticity and the desperate existence of commitment to an ideal—without attempting to judge between them. But its subtle power lies in its relation of the psychological price which has to be paid for choosing domesticity.

Un-pompous

The theme might have become uncomfortably heavy, even pompous.

Eliot, however, has never been able to suppress his sense of humour and the play pokes gentle fun at over-seriousness and, once, breaks into "sincere laughter as the hero, a nearly omniscient psychiatrist who has imitated himself as an uninvited guest at a cocktail party, bursts into a drinking song and downs a bottle of gin, straight."

He feels deeply the contradiction between human

SCARED of the DENTIST?

Here is a way to keep calm



RED-HAired Jean Hall was a pretty but extremely nervous girl. She had all kinds of complaints: it was a case of, "Oh my finger, oh my thumb, oh my headaches, oh my tum!"

However, on examination I found that there was nothing wrong with her except she needed her teeth attended to. I haven't been to the dentist for years," she said. "I'm just too nervous to go."

Because the idea of sitting in a dentist's chair appalled her, I thought of the tranquillising drugs that so many people have been taking recently. In my view, sometimes without reason. But here, I felt, was a case where they could be used with benefit, for her teeth needed urgent attention.

"What happens when you take these drugs?" Jean asked.

Most people, some 10 minutes later, feel a mood of elation and this feeling lasts up to half an hour. Then, as this effect wears off, it is followed by a period of contentment, calm, and confidence.

"Sounds marvellous," she said, "just what I need."

These drugs were first introduced as hypnotic agents. Unlike some of the barbiturates, they do not leave behind that "hangover" feeling.

ALL IN A DOCTOR'S DAY by Cedric Carne

Not long ago, 200 patients undergoing dental surgery were given one of these tranquillising drugs. It was discovered that only 5 per cent, instead of the usual 45 per cent, showed any anxiety.

Other groups of people too have been asked to take the drugs experimentally. Students, for example. Here it was found that the student-lecturer barrier was broken down. The students developed a half-fellow-well-meet attitude and were willing to sleep the old professor on the back.

SENSITIVE?

"What's the catch then?" Jean Hall asked me.

As a result they were soon used as a remedy for insomnia. But it was apparent that the most valuable characteristic of these drugs displayed was the production of a state of tranquillity accompanied by mental relaxation and a diminution of restlessness.

Over the last year a wide field of application has been found for them. They have been given to children before having their tonsils removed; to people who have been prescribed a protection against attacks of asthma at night. They have been used to reduce anxiety at childbirth.

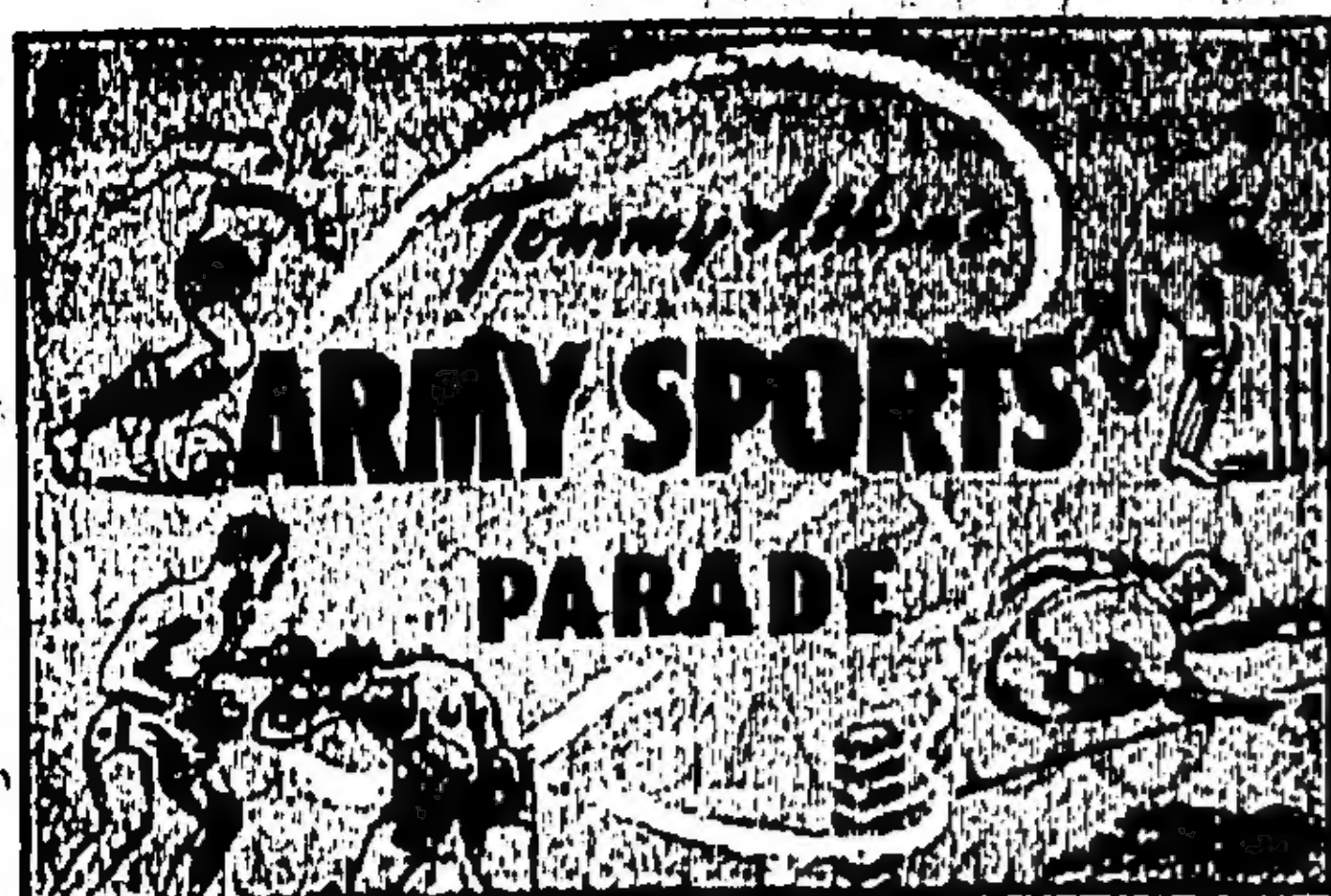
"And," I said, "to allay apprehension before dental appointments."

Not long ago, 200 patients undergoing dental surgery were given one of these tranquillising drugs. It was discovered that only 5 per cent, instead of the usual 45 per cent, showed any anxiety.

Another disadvantage is that habit formation might occur in certain types of personality. "So I insist," I said, "that you only take the drug, Jean, when I give you the O.K. And in normal amounts."

"I promise," she said. Yet she still nervously asked me question after question. By the time she left I felt quite worn out.

I hesitated a minute, and then I helped myself to a small tranquillising dose of whisky.



27 HAA RGT. RA: Swinburne, Moxon, Dean, Dunlop, Martin, Thompson, Simpson, Humphries, Martin, Dunlop, Smith, O'Brien, Higgins, Rodham, Parker, Henderson, Elgie, Fowler, Morrell, Norris, Hindmarsh.

24 FIELD ENGINEER RGT. RE

Each one of the above is deserving of a special mention for showing to a large crowd at Boundary Street last week, in the final of the Major Unit's cup, a football match long to be remembered.

The game had everything, good and bad football, drama, comedy, excitement, suspense, good and bad luck, the whole bag of tricks, and my only regret was that a decision was reached, as a replay would have been most acceptable, although some spectators were heard to comment that they could not stand another 70 minutes of such excitement.

All 22 players put every ounce of skill and effort into this game, and 27 HAA Rgt. whilst deceiving to win will, I am sure, agree that the Engineers had the cruellest luck. Seldom have I seen the woodwork struck so often in a game. Very partisan crowd certainly lived up to the proceedings, and although I have seen the ground more crowded, I am sure the local residents have never heard so much noise.

The Gunners team are to be sincerely congratulated for their fine win against the judgment of the form-wise fans, and on the final whistle sounding, their supporters made for Martin, the inside-left who had scored two grand goals, and worked like a Trojan, and the goalkeeper Swinburne who brought off many daring saves, and chaired them. I think they were right to select both out of a fit, fighting, determined XI.

BAD LUCK

The losers are too fine a body of sportsmen to need excuses for this defeat, to them I would say the ball just wouldn't run right for you, and you suffered the cruellest of bad luck. Never mind, there is still the Caldbeck Cup, and I for one would like to see both teams in the final of that competition too.

Upsets of form seem to be the order of the day, although I hasten to add that the raised eyebrows when it was learnt that COD had removed Command Workshops REME from the semi-final of the Small Units Cup, may be lowered. It wasn't THE REME team. Unfortunately their loss of four players has seriously upset their balance, and they are but a shadow of their former selves. This should not be taken as a reflection of the poor play of COD, which is by no means the case. In the past few weeks they have been steadily improving, and now have quite a nice little team which is going to win far more games than it loses. The score of 3-1 for COD was a very fair reflection of the play, and on the REME side I would congratulate the centre-half Davis for never playing up.

The other semi-final at Soekunpo saw 56 Coy. RASC put paid to HQ Ammunition Depot by 4-2. The final date is some way ahead and while I fancy the 'Ord' boys to capture the trophy, another 'Trooper' coming in could well make a different story. Anyway we can look forward to a tense struggle for the 'Spots'.

I have several complaints on the arranging of the final of the Major Units Cup on a Tuesday. It meant that many who would very much have liked to have seen this epic were prevented by the call of duty. Perhaps the organizers would take this into consideration on future occasions.

I hope all the spectators who watched the boxing at Whitfield Barracks last Wednesday were not as disappointed as I. The 74 LAA Rgt. RA met 24 Field Rgt. RA and defeated them by the narrowest of margins, only one point separating them, and if the Sapper boxer who voluntarily retired when he appeared to be well on top is taken into account it may be fair to say that the lads from up country were rather unlucky to have to bow to their hosts.

RAPID KNOCKOUT

Few of the contests were worth mention. Gnr. Williams produced a rapid KO, and Gnr. Ennor showed promise for the future. Gnr. John McManus faced a tough customer in G/Lt. Lipton. He was obviously shaken all over a round, but he nearly came off. A wild, but powerful swing landed flush on the champion's chin, his knees buckled, and most people expected him to stay down. Up

WORLD OF SPORTS

GONZALES V. LEW HOAD—MORE THAN A DREAM NOW—IT'S A POSSIBILITY

By DEREK JOHN

The lawn tennis match of the century—Pamela Gonzales versus Lew Hoad—is now more than a dream—it's a possibility. Tennis authorities throughout the world are watching with great interest the American move to introduce a Lawn Tennis Championship open to professionals and amateurs.

Many US Lawn Tennis Association officials support the idea, and the Association have now formed a committee to study the possibilities of such a tournament.

Supporters of the move have had encouragement this month in the success of the Art Larsen benefit tournament. The prospect of amateurs and professionals playing together attracted a gate of more than £2,400, and 2,000 people failed to gain admittance.

But if amateurs and professionals are to be allowed to play in the same tournaments I don't think they will stop at special events staged by professional promoters. For then the amateur bodies of the leading lawn tennis nations would face the prospect of their tournaments, including Wimbledon, playing second fiddle to these open events.

That would not suit the authorities. And, I feel, it would not suit lawn tennis. These tournaments have a grand tradition, which can be even more important in these changing times. So the logical move is to open the major tournaments to professionals.

BACK INJURY

Lew Hoad, incidentally, his hopes of winning the four major lawn tennis titles in one year shattered at the first round, when he was defeated in the Australian Championships, will be out of tennis for six weeks, because of back injury. Hoad was beaten in the Australian semi-finals by Neale Fraser. Fraser in turn lost in the final to Ashley Cooper who repeated the dose in the Welter division.

The middle, Sgt. Houlst and Ctn. Greenall gave a bright display which must have been very close. I noted the NCO slightly ahead at the finish, but the judges disagreed and named Greenall.

THE BIG BOYS

The big boys were very disappointing and some very wild punching was seen in round one, and in the second session, during a clinch, Gnr. Grieg of 27 HAA Rgt. went down on one knee. Gnr. Houlst of 19 Field Rgt. without thinking, cuffed him a couple of times, and was promptly disqualified by the referee. This not only caused a stir, it gave the 27 HAA two points to nil and their total rose to 14 to their opponents 15, and though it rested on the last bout by the respective first string welters.

A very good contest ensued, and Gnr. Beasley of 27 took a narrow points victory over Ctn. Bass to level the score at 10 all. The 27 HAA spectators were jubilant and were thinking in terms of a 'replay' but the 'book' had other ideas, and in the case of teams being level on points at the conclusion of the bouts, the match is awarded to the team with the greater number of wins, which gave 19 Field Rgt. victory by six bouts to five.

I feel sure the evening's events will be discussed in the respective canteens and Messes for days to come. As a neutral observer I felt that the 19 Field Rgt. had the better team and fully deserved to go forward to the semi-final where they face the unknown quantity in the Green Howards.

Congratulations to the Services team, which included 11 Army players, for their grand win over the Japanese during side when they met at Boundary Street last Wednesday.

It may not have been the best football to watch, but the tactics were sound, and certainly retrieved the honour of Hongkong Rugby for their 11-0 win.

A very large brickbat should be directed to those responsible for the ground arrangements. There was perhaps a good reason for fixing prices at \$4.70 but why, oh why was there no change available. Large trade crowds formed at the pay box, and many had to wait twenty minutes or more to get into the ground. Incidentally on enquiry, the Services deny responsibility for the ground arrangements.

The team to meet 15 Medium Rgt. RA in the final of the polo competition will soon be determined. HQ's meet 19 Field Rgt. RA during this week, and it is then hoped to stage the final on February 20.

The FAIRLY Rugby cup final will be subject to the availability of the Police ground and the appearance of the Singapore opposition, take place on Wednesday, February 12.



Shown here is Toot A'LHeure, an entry in the Grand National Steeplechase to be run at Aintree, Liverpool, on March 29. Seen in the saddle is jockey S. Melloh. The horse is owned by Lord Shrewsbury and trained by G. R. Owen. —Reuterphoto.

Eurosoccer Under Lights Is League's Plan

By ERIC NICHOLLS

When in doubt turn about! Maybe that sounds slightly Irish to the suner members of the sports fraternity. But it's the thing to do if you are a member of the Preston club for soccer's 'old gentlemen'.

Normally they—the League bosses I mean—perform a remarkably swift and smart about-turn when anything slightly progressive is mentioned. But the other week they departed from their normal line. They fell in, and are following the band.

League headquarters primly announced that on April 6, representatives will meet to discuss the possibility of selected clubs from Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Belgium, Spain and Italy playing against one another.

No doubt about it. The fantastic success, both from a playing point of view, and financially, of Manchester United in the European Cup, has inspired the parochially minded Football League to produce their five point plan for the biggest soccer link-up Europe—possibly the world—has ever known.

The proposal which they will put to the leading European clubs is this:

CERTAIN STANDARDS

- (i) A floodlit tournament involving 64 clubs—or more if they can all fulfil certain standards of ground illumination. The 64 would include from 14 to 18 continental teams.
 - (ii) Entrants would be split into groups in which each would play the other at home and away, group championships to be decided on a points basis.
 - (iii) Group champions would play off on the knockout system.
 - (iv) All matches would be staged in mid-week, and the system would guarantee each competing team a minimum number of games.
 - (v) The new competition would be additional to the existing Football League Championship, with which it is not intended to interfere.
- Before the April meeting, complete details of the new Eurosoccer Floodlight Tournament will be placed before Football League clubs when they get together in March.

These are the kind of moves the British soccer public have been anxiously awaiting. They call for three hearty cheers.

I am only sorry that the League have so obviously acted after they saw red light in the shape of the European Cup—which has already attracted 900,000 fans, and is in itself a potential threat to the Football League's previously unopposed authority in England and Wales.

It is disappointing that, after four years of rapidly diminishing 'gates' in Britain, the ruling body has only just awoken to the danger.

DISAPPOINTING

And it is disappointing that only now do they act, after throwing out FA Secretary Sir Stanley Rous's plan for a Super

the clubs last season, will be introduced next season. But the big problem remains. Will the Continental football bosses regard the Eurosoccer proposal as interference by the English League in their own European Cup affairs? And will they take the attitude: 'You had your chance, now you're too late'?

If they do, the English League have only themselves to blame. —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

WORLD FLYWEIGHT FIGHT

Dai Dower Anxious For A Crack At Title

Buenos Aires, Feb. 5. Lazaro Koci, manager of Pascual Perez, the World Flyweight Boxing Champion, said today he would not consider any title bout until his position with regard to Memo Diaz, the Mexican challenger, had been fully clarified.

Diaz, who was due to fight Perez this month, returned to Mexico after Argentine doctors had found him unfit to fight.

Koci confirmed that Britain's Dai Dower was anxious for a crack at the title but added: 'I must clear myself first with the Argentine, Mexican and World Federations.' — China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Athletics: REED Annual Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street, 2.15 p.m.
Golf: Services Golf: Stapleford, Old Course, Felling.
Boxing: Inter-School Challenge Cup, Junior final (Hendon), Kings Park, 9.30 a.m.

TOMORROW
Meeting: HKFA Inter-Club Sub-Committee meeting at Sports Road, 2.45 p.m.
HKAAA Executive Committee Meeting at Education Dept., 9.30 p.m.
Squash: Colony Squash Championships at Victoria Park Courts.
Badminton: Brig. Wadsworth v HMNZS Kanieri at Sek Kong, 4 p.m.
Men's 'C' Division: Kiu Tong v Linc. RAY v Young & Old, Taifoo v CCC.

Hungary-Japan Table Tennis Match In March

Paris, Feb. 5. The Hungarian Table Tennis Federation has invited a Japanese table tennis team to visit Budapest to play a Hungary-Japan international match there from March 21 to 24, the Hungarian newspaper 'Nepszombat' announced, in an edition received in Paris today.

The Japanese team invited to Budapest is the one which has been entered for the World Championships in Stockholm—France-Press.

Uber Cup Final On March 18 At Lancashire

London, Feb. 5. The final of the Uber Cup Women's International Badminton Championship will be played at St. Anne's, Lancashire, on March 18, it was announced today.

Canada and the United States meet in the American Zone Final at Kitchener, Ontario, on February 25 and 26 for the right to oppose India, the Asian zone winners, for a place in the final. The date has still to be arranged for the European zone final, in which Ireland are at home to Denmark. —China Mail Special.

Land Forces Rugby Cup Final In Hongkong

Singapore, Feb. 5. A team from the King's Own Scottish Borderers leave by sea tomorrow for Hongkong, where they will play the Seventh Hussars in the final of the Far East Land Forces Rugby Cup competition on February 16.

In Hongkong they will also play two games with Civilian teams.—Reuter.

DAVE SIME WILL RUN IN BURMA

New York, Feb. 5. American record-breaking sprinter, Dave Sime, is to leave New York on Thursday for Rangoon to take part in a number of local athletics meetings in Burma. Sime replaces the Seventh Hussars in the final of the Far East Land Forces Rugby Cup competition on February 16.

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THE GAMBOLES



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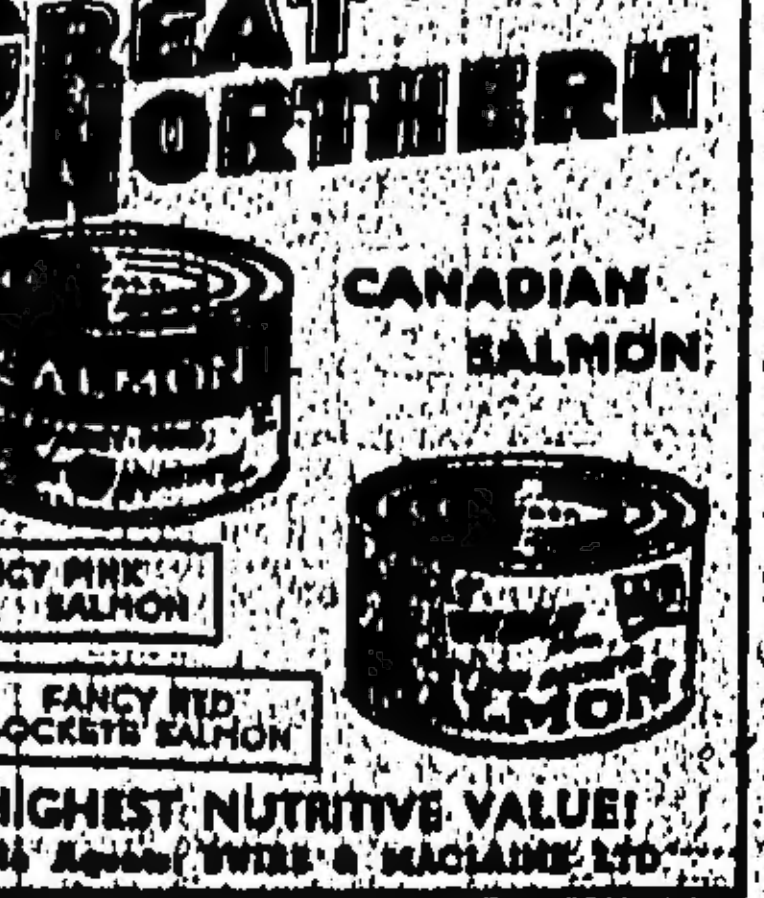
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Panamanians Lose Privileges At Canal

REPUBLIC FORBIDS USE OF US COMMISSARY

By P. R. MORTIMER

Balboa, Panama Canal Zone, Feb. 5.

Something like 16,000 persons in this area have recently abruptly ceased to enjoy the privileges which the United States has been in the habit of extending to all its employees here, even if they were not American nationals.

Men and women who had grown to look on the United States Government as an employer and provider, to be relied upon for years to come, have suddenly felt the grounds for this faith slip from under them.

Mostly descendants of the workers imported from the British West Indies to help build the Panama Canal in the early years of this century, they are dismayed and disillusioned.

Ironically, the United States, against whom their reproaches are largely directed, played only a passive part in these developments. The active role was played by the Government of the Republic of Panama, during protracted negotiations which led up to the signature of a new treaty between the two countries.

INSISTENCE

At Panama's insistence, written into this treaty was a provision denying non-United States citizen employees in the Panama Canal Zone the right to buy at the low price Panama Canal Company commissaries in the Canal Zone.

Instead, their annual spending power, estimated at present at some 13,000,000 dollars, was to be diverted to the stores and merchants of the Republic of Panama, contiguous to the Canal Zone, but distinct from it in financial practice.

The most favourable calculations put the cost of foodstuffs and other household goods in Panama City about 30 per cent above the prices prevailing in the Canal Zone.

Those losing their right to purchase in the commissaries also state darkly that Panamanian products, protected by prohibitive tariffs against imported competitive lines, are being substituted for the United States name brand products featured by the commissaries.

The United States makes great efforts to accede to Panama's requests and avoid any appearance of bullying the small Republic.

EMBITTERED

Spokesmen for the Panamanian citizens who are employees of the Canal Company and who are losing their commissary privileges (and, in the case of 900 of them, their jobs) suggest that the United States should pay more attention to the many individuals whose cost of living is now suffering a sharp upswing, and less attention to the few merchants whose stores will handle the 13,000,000 dollars' worth of extra trade.

While Panamanian Government spokesmen make out a persuasive case for their country's right to diminish commercial competition from the non-profit Canal zone, whose purpose is really only to put ships through the Panama Canal as expeditiously as possible, a still greater emotional issue turns on the commissary privilege of about 4,000 retired Canal Zone employees, including some 300 United States citizens, who now live in the Republic of Panama.

The great majority of these 4,000 live on marginal pensions, and undoubtedly counted on shipping at commissary prices for the rest of their days.

Particularly embittered are the United States citizen pensioners who, having spent their working years in government service, now suddenly find themselves excluded from United States Government

stores and post offices, and not allowed to gather in the commissaries to chat with their fellow old-timers, and friends who are still working.

To set foot in the commissaries, which for so long have been a feature of their life, will render the old-timers subject to arrest for trespassing.

It was suggested that perhaps it would be more humane to leave such old-timers as were enjoying commissary privileges to carry on as before, but to grant such privileges to no one in future. The sum involved in this arrangement was not large.

REFUSED CONCESSION

But, according to United States sources, Panama refused to grant this concession. Whether or not this is true, once again legalistic rigidity won over kindness of heart.

Now, those 16,000 workers of old-timers are wondering what happened to Uncle Sam's avowed preoccupation with the lot of the little fellow.—China Mail Special.



A-Shelters Proposed In America

Washington, Feb. 5.
Navy atomic experts today proposed construction of a nationwide underground atomic shelter system. They estimated the cost might be 20,000 million dollars, but said the system would offer survival for a high percentage of people in the event of nuclear attack.

The suggested shelters, of three types, would range from structures designed to protect only against radioactive fallout to thickly walled affairs designed both against fallout and heavy blast. The latter type of shelters would be designed for densely populated areas.

Shelters would be designed and equipped so that people could stay inside them for a period of two weeks until the immediate radioactive contamination of the area had subsided.—China Mail Special.

Dr George Hass, German-born physicist, at Fort Belvoir, USA, makes a final inspection of the vacuum tank in which the first earth satellite will receive a special test coating to protect its delicate instruments from extreme temperatures and provide a reflective surface, which will enable the satellite to be observed clearly.—Express Photo.

Refugee Debate Postponed

New York, Feb. 5.
The scheduled opening of debate on the Palestine refugee question by the Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly was postponed today at the request of Egypt, it was officially announced.

Mr Henri Labrousse, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees had been due to present his report to the Committee and to review the condition of the refugees.

A new date for the debate was not announced.—Reuter.

47 REBELS KILLED IN ALGERIA

Algiers, Feb. 5.
A total of 47 rebels were killed in two operations in the Algiers district of Central Algeria, it was disclosed here tonight.

Air-supported French Foreign Legionnaires killed a rebel chieftain and 35 of his men during one operation in the Djebel Tsegha mountain region. One prisoner was taken and 11 rebels were killed in an operation near Tablat.

Earlier tonight, it was reported from Constantine that 39 rebels had been killed, nine put out of action, and one taken prisoner in several operations in the Constantine Department.—France-Press.

15th Century Prague Inn To Put On Floor Show

Prague, Feb. 5.

A 15th century inn here, which Czechs claim is the oldest inn in the world, is to put on a floor show.

The inn, called "U Flek", has its own brewery on the premises and has been serving its own brew of black beer ever since 1499.

Extended and modernised at various times through the ages, it is at present undergoing its biggest renovation yet. The introduction of the floor show in which dancers and singers will perform regularly before the beer-drinkers, is part of this renovation.

U Flek was nationalised six years ago. Thirty-one private owners, seven of them women, preceded the take-over. All have their names written in golden letters on an oak door in the inn. The street outside is named after the first owner, Vit z Kromska.

The brewery has not changed its recipe since 1499. The present manager of the brewery, Jaroslav Pacina, says that he refused to disclose it several weeks ago to a delegation of West German brewers who came from beer-drinking Bavaria to ask for it.

At 13 degrees alcoholic content, the beer is one degree stronger than the world-famous Pilsener. Its strength, it is said, comes from mixing, in secret proportions, four kinds of malt, caramel, cream, roasted sugar, and 250 grammes of white hops for each hectolitre.

Pacina, a tall, jovial, 50-year-old grandfather, employs three brewers.

U Flek cannot sell its beer outside the inn, or export it, because it is not pasteurised and will not keep in temperatures of over 48.2 degrees Fahrenheit.

After seven weeks' brewing and fermenting, the barrels are rolled into giant underground cellars below the inn's four drinking halls. The beer is

pumped through the floor in a maze of rubber hoses.

The whole of U Flek's production of 2,040 gallons a week is drunk by the soldiers, students, workers, policemen, housewives and other Czechs who pack the inn each night.

MEETING PLACE

Before World War II, U Flek was Prague's favourite meeting place for artists, poets and writers, who gathered in a special back room called the "Akademie." Here, each had his seat, with his name and portrait above it. Now the Akademie is often hired by government ministries for conferences at which civil servants ponder policy over huge mugs of black beer.

One former frequenter of the Akademie is still a legendary figure in Prague today—an old beggar who died in 1939. Each night, the beggar used to sing and sell matches in the smoke-filled room, to the roars of drunken artists. When the beggar died, 60,000 crowns, a large fortune in those days, were found beneath the match-boxes on his tray.

One hall, the Melnie, where hope and barley used to be stored in the early years of the inn, is decorated with paintings of Bohemian castles. Another room is called "The Sausage" because of its long and narrow shape.

In the Knights' Hall, the largest drinking room, revellers sit round a 230-year-old grandfather clock on chairs which bear the arms of the 82 leading breweries of Bohemia and Slovakia—the two states which made up modern Czechoslovakia at the turn of the century.

This hall was used for conferences of brewery owners. Each brewer sat on the chair which bore his arms.

ORIENTAL AIR

As part of the latest renovation, most of the floors are being relaid, three of the halls are to be linked by new passages, and many of the walls will be repainted. In the process too, several carvatures, which bear a hammer and sickle design, are to be removed. These were put up in 1950 by the first manager of the inn after nationalisation, a fervent Communist. Paradoxically, the removal of these carvatures was ordered by the Communist Party itself—on the ground it was inappropriate that the party emblem should look down nightly on often wild drinking scenes.

The exterior of the inn has a strange Oriental air, with red and green tiled sloping roofs and a small minaret overlooking the courtyard.

In ornate cloisters, old stone sculptures depict customers of former times, including a woman in various stages of drunkenness. One shows an irate woman trying to prevent her drunken husband from entering her bedroom through the window.

Another shows a smiling St Peter welcoming a brewer with extended arms—to illustrate the old Czech saying that those who make good beer must go to heaven.

U Flek claims that it has never closed in the five centuries of its existence, not even in the noisiest moments of the various wars which it has survived.

The inn was also the scene of an all-time Czech drinking record. In 1908, a Prague butcher, in a marathon bout, swallowed 127 half-litres (just less than one pint) of beer in 24 hours—for a bet.

50 MUGS DAILY

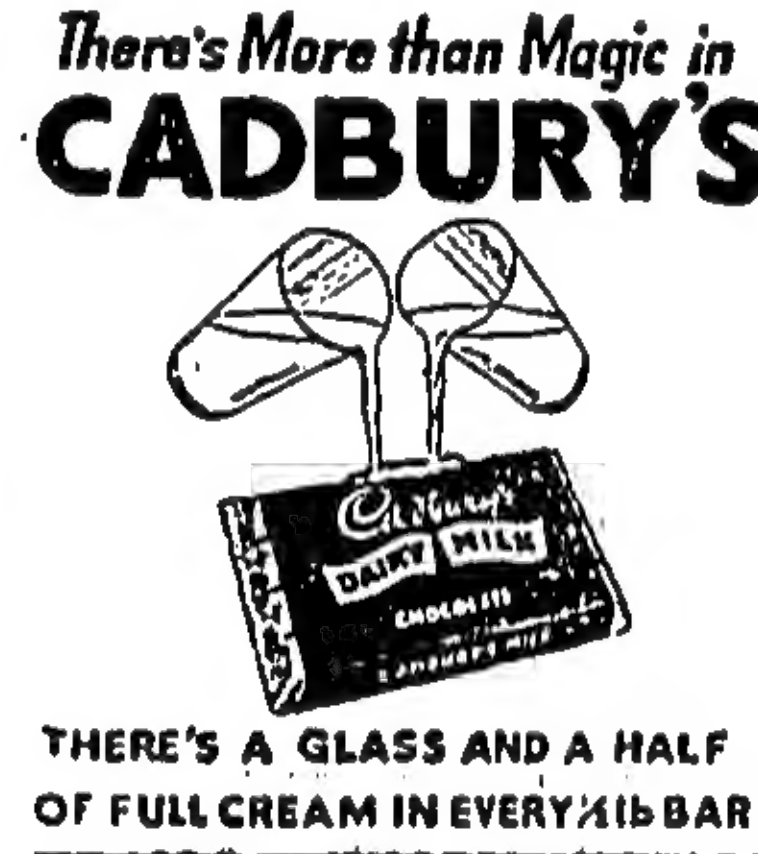
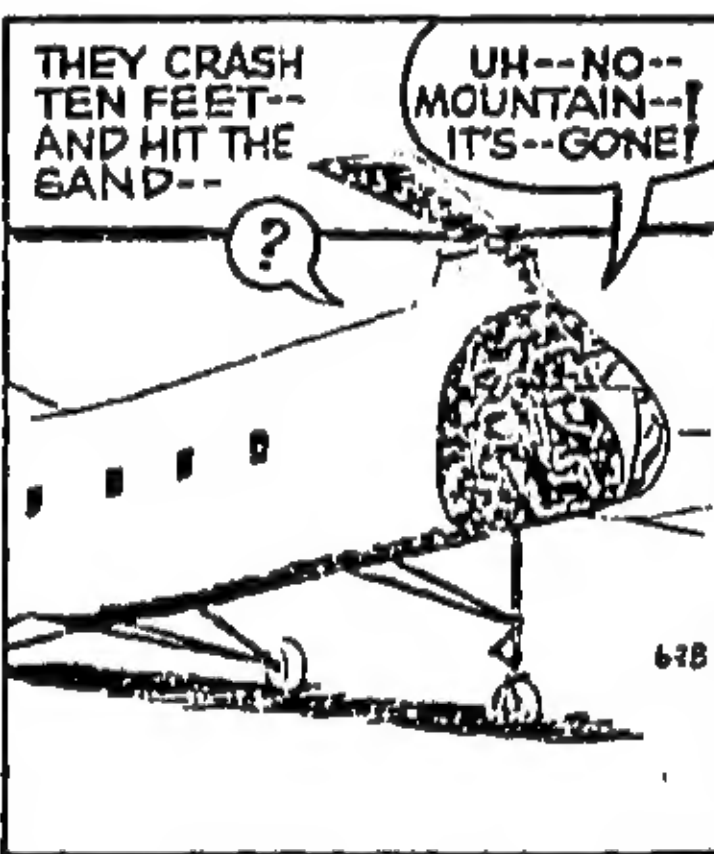
M. Pacina says some of his guests can still easily drink 50 mugs a day, though, he laments, more and more Czechs are turning away from beer to drink soft or hard liquor. One woman customer regularly drinks seven litres of beer, he adds.

The inn's golden book bears the signature of famous people of many nationalities. One recent guest, it reveals, was the Mayor of Peking. Poems in German, Spanish, English, Russian, Serbo-Croat, and even Japanese testify the approval of many a foreign guest after an evening's session at the inn.—China Mail Special.

Nuremberg, Feb. 5.
The number of unemployed in West Germany jumped by about 389,000, a total of 4,704,110 in January, the Labour Office announced here today. This was 228,700 more than at the same time last year and the highest level of unemployment since the winter of 1953-1954, when the total reached 1,624,800. The Labour Office said the situation was a personal one.—China Mail Special.

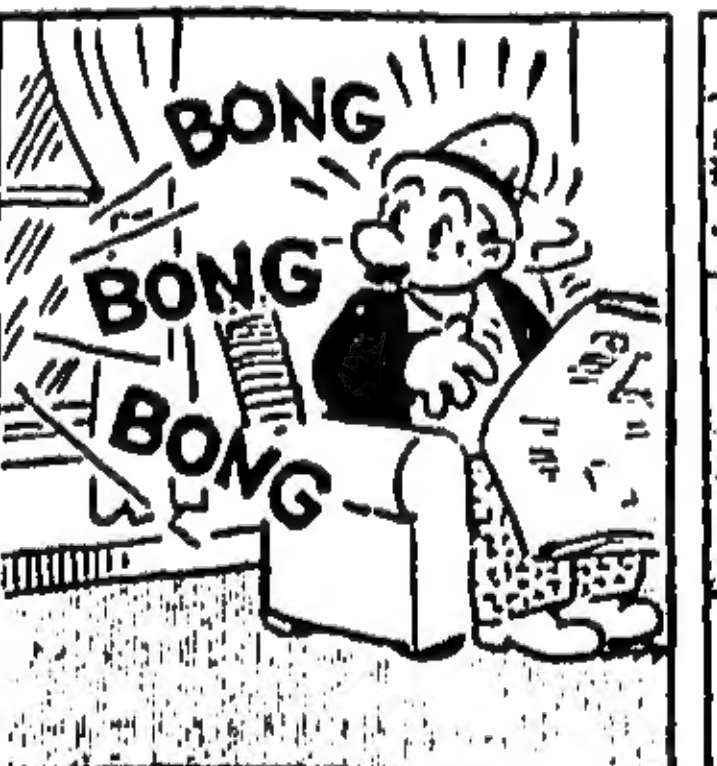
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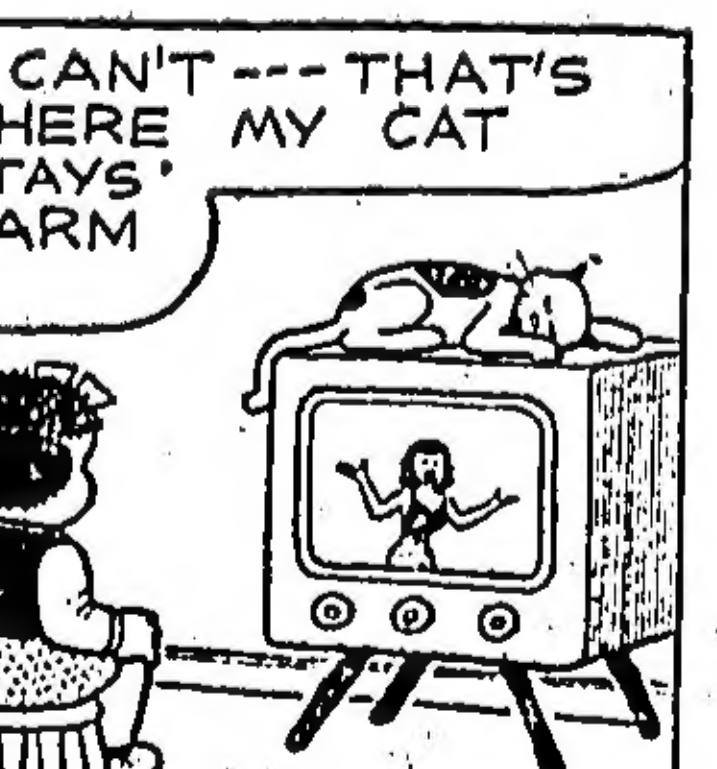
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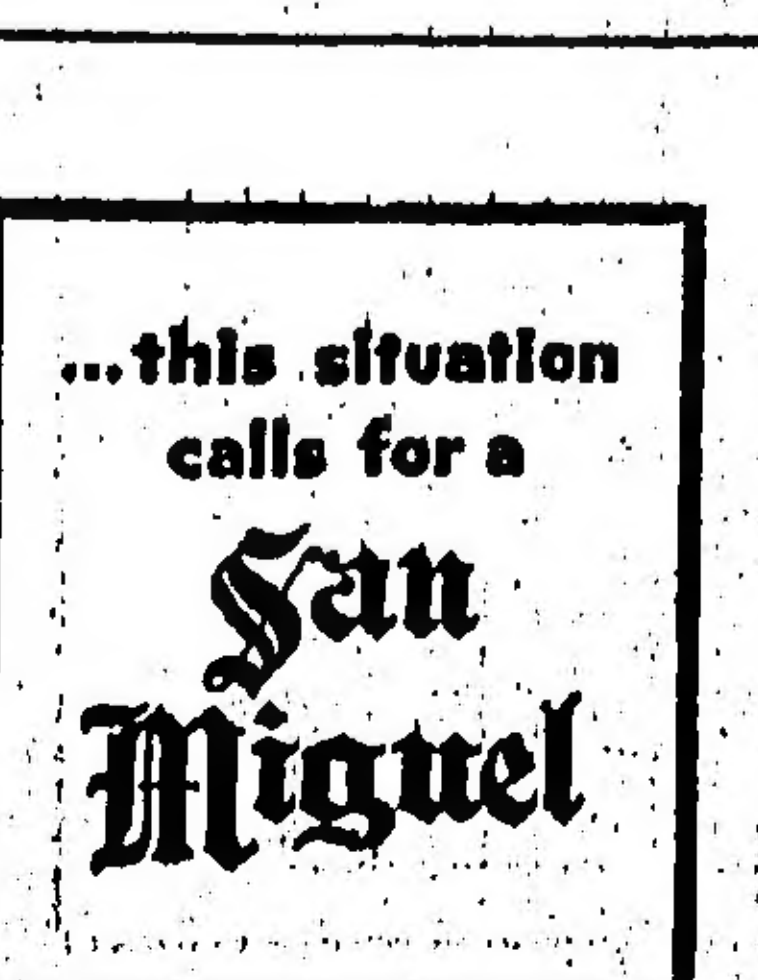
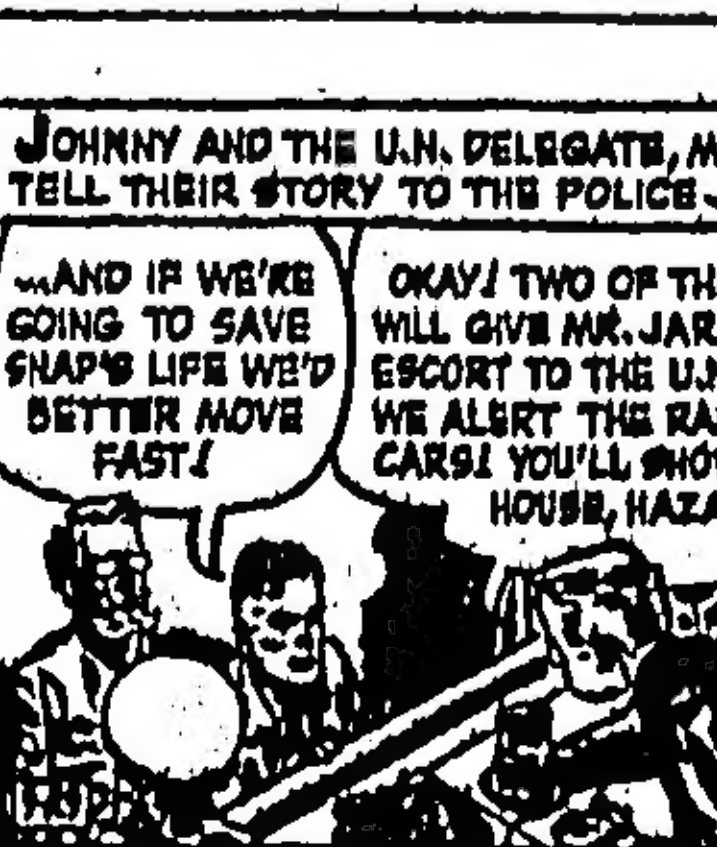
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

UK GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE UP ARREARS Sterling, Dollar Reserves And Investment

By SYDNEY S. GAMPPELL

London, Feb. 5.

The outlook is for a government firm enough to enable British investment, sterling and the dollar reserves to make up some of the huge arrears which have developed since the war.

US Predicted To Capture Major Share Of Cotton

Washington, Feb. 5.

The Agriculture Department predicted today the United States will recapture the major share of the world cotton market during the 1956-57 marketing season.

The US share of the market slumped from 47 per cent in 1951 to 18 per cent in 1955. During the 1956-57 season US cotton exports are expected to be almost three times greater than in 1955-56.

The Department said in its publication, The Cotton Situation, that US exports for the 1956-57 season probably will total 6.5 million bales, or about 45 per cent of the world market. This compares with 2.2 million bales exported in the preceding season.

Shipment of cotton abroad from August through November this season were about 2.1 million bales, 1.6 million bales more than a year earlier. They included about 23,000 bales of American-Egyptian cotton compared with 3,000 bales a year earlier and the 1955-56 total of about 20,000 bales—United Press.

Agreement Extended

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 5.

The Brazilian Foreign Ministry and the Japanese Embassy exchanged notes today which extended for a further three months a Brazil-Japan trade and payments agreement signed in 1952.

Meantime, it was announced that a delegation of Japanese manufacturers and businessmen would arrive here shortly to discuss with the Foreign Ministry Japan's possible adherence to a multi-lateral trade and payments pact—France-Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Feb. 5.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

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Mar.	15.00	
Apr.	14.80	
May	14.60	
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July	14.20	
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

A VIP OF SORTS

THEY gave Sidney VIP treatment in the restaurant-car. The sort distinguished Old Boys get when they go back to their schools, or shopgirls when they turn up on the customers' side of the counter to buy their trousseaux. "Blimey, it's Sid," cried a waiter, and the news spread fast. Brown Windsor soup cooled, pale portions of fish wilted, as the car's crew downed plates to greet Sidney, who once had worked alongside them and now reappeared as a patron.

Sidney's welcome by his old workmates was so wonderful that something seemed necessary by way of repayment. Not money, Sidney was short of that. "Tell you what," he said, "I'll help wash up."

THE WALLET
HE went to the old familiar sink, began the old familiar stink. When the last dish was washed he went to the staff compartment for his coat. From his pocket he pulled out a wallet. The train was pulling into Watford. Well, jellies, Sidney said, "this is where I leave you. Be good."

There was 6½d. of the £15 left when the police picked up Sidney three days later. "I been doing some drinking," Sidney said. "That's where the money must have gone."

At Clerkenwell court, Sidney, a sad, long-faced man of 32, pleaded guilty to the theft. "This man," a policeman told the magistrate Mr. Frank Powell, "has had considerable domestic difficulties. He is 2282 in arrears in maintenance payments for his wife and four children. There may be a warrant out for him at the court where the order was made."

"I been foolish," said Sidney. "I'm very sorry."

HE IS STEERED
"Go to prison for three months," said the magistrate. Sidney nodded and left. Policemen walked beside him, attentive as head-waiters steering favoured guests to favourite tables.

One door from the courtroom leads to freedom. Sidney's escorts wanted to be sure he used the other. He was again a VIP of sorts — a very important prisoner.

FLYNN WINS AGAIN

New York, Feb. 5.
Actor Errol Flynn, an expert on ships and the sea, won \$30,000 tonight on a television quiz show.

Flynn, who said he was "trebling" because of the amount of money involved, thus won a chance to try for the top prize of \$100,000 next week on the NBC TV programme, "The Big Surprise."

Flynn answered two questions tonight, one to insure the \$20,000 he won last week and the other to advance to the \$30,000 level. He will be allowed to move "insurance" questions, so if he decides to go for the top prize he can win all or take home only \$20,000.

SMOKES CIGARETTE
Flynn, smoking a cigarette in a holder, "to calm my nerves," identified four nautical terms for his insurance question.

To advance to the \$30,000 level, he identified the Lutine Boil. He also was able to identify the "Red Rock" as the only ship in the last 80 years to be reported lost and then to return.

For the last part of the question, Flynn, a sailboat enthusiast, was able to give the nationality of three lost ships and the seas in which they disappeared and became legends. They were: The Sao Paulo, a Brazilian ship lost in the North Atlantic; the Kobenhavn, a Danish vessel, lost in the South Atlantic; and the Waratah, a British ship lost in the Indian Ocean—United Press.

'Going At 83'
Bonn, Feb. 5.
West Germany's 81-year-old Chancellor Konrad Adenauer plans to step down in 1959 without trying to name a successor, close associates said today. The sources said he is confident of winning next September's general elections and hopes to remain as the head of the government until 1959 when he will be 83.—United Press.

EUROPE'S OIL TROUBLES

Washington, Feb. 6.
President Eisenhower may be asked at his press conference today whether he will appeal for more co-operation in stepping up the oil supply to Western Europe.

But officials here believe such an appeal — to the oil companies and the state regulatory commission — is not likely.

They point out that Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, has said the oil lift position is "not alarming" and that he does not think a presidential appeal is called for at present. Mr. Dulles at his press conference yesterday, however, voiced disappointment at the failure of the oil companies so far to divert sufficient supplies of crude and fuel oil to Europe.

The Senate committee which is investigating the oil lift will continue its hearings today.

TWO FACTORS
Meanwhile the weather and Middle East politics now appear to be the factors most likely to determine whether Britain and Western Europe will suffer unemployment and distress through fuel shortages in the next few weeks, oil experts said here.

Warm weather in Europe would reduce the European security of crude and fuel oil now much in demand.

Similarly warm weather in the United States would cut down domestic sales of heating oil and make more available for export.

Officials said that politics in the Middle East might largely determine whether oil would soon be moving again through the Syrian pipeline and the Suez Canal.

Time magazine said today that a short-sighted policy of increasing prices during the current oil production shortage was gaining the US oil industry nothing but ill will.

Time said: "By taking advantage of an international

emergency to run through a price boost the industry runs the risk of earning a Shylock reputation in the eyes of the world.

"It is something that thoughtful oilmen are beginning to realize—and regret."—Reuter.

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Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Burna, India, 4 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, 7 a.m.
Japan, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
N. Borneo, Rabaul, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, Iraq, (P. India, Persia via Karachi), 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.

By Air
Germany, 9 a.m.
France, 9 a.m.
Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
China, France, Noon.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, P. East Africa, S. Africa, Brazil, N. & S. Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Persia via L. Maracaibo, Argentina, Persia direct, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, 8 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.

Watch-Your-Car Racket

Manila, Feb. 6.
Mayor Arsenio Lacson yesterday tried to stop the "watch-your-car" racket by Manila's hoodlums by issuing an ultimatum to the Police precinct commanders to halt the racket or hand in their resignations.

The racket, which has long plagued Manila car owners, consists of boys and hoodlums watching their car for money, the sums ranging from 20 centavos to half a dollar. Failure to have their cars watched invariably resulted in a car being damaged or its parts stripped and stolen.

The Mayor said that the "watch-your-car" racket was "organized blackmail" which could not be tolerated in Manila, and ordered the arrest of the racketeers.

The hitch, however, is that when brought to court, hoodlums get away scot-free because there is no ordinance prohibiting car owners from hiring people to guard their cars. — Franco-Press.

Bangkok Strike

Bangkok, Feb. 5.
Bangkok was in the grip of a strike wave today, and at one stage striking bus workers lay in front of their vehicles to prevent them being driven by strike-breakers. Bus workers struck yesterday, claiming high wages and better conditions of work. The workers of four industrial companies who put forward similar claims also continued their strike today. — Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The boss picked up my movie magazine—now he won't start dictating till 4 o'clock!"

Chamber Concert Was Most Satisfactory

There was a fair-sized audience for the Chamber Concert of the Sino-British Music Group last night at the Grantham Training College, in spite of bad weather. The programme was nicely balanced, containing two major chamber works, three groups of songs and a piano group. The hall is acoustically favourable both to instrumentalists and singers, and the result was most satisfactory in all cases.

The opening work was the best of the programme, Mendelssohn's String Quartet No. 1 in E flat major, played by the Fca Quartet, led by Professor Fou himself who had risen from a sick bed to play. In spite of this, he has never been in better form; his tone was clear and sweet, and he saw to it that the balance of the instruments was always maintained.

The ensemble work was very good indeed. Dr. Bard is always a steady support, and in this quartet his tone matched that of his leader.

Mr. Alves on the viola and Mr. Frank Huang on the cello carried out their parts efficiently, and Mr. Huang managed the swift passages of the last movement fluently. He is developing more ease and confidence.

The second "Czernopetia" movement had a really splendid performance, and one could have wished that a permanent record could have been made of this outstanding playing.

MOZART QUARTET
The other major work, Mozart's Quartet in D for Flute and Strings, was also most agreeable, though not quite so polished. The balance was far better than when I last heard the work in the Empire Theatre, this being no doubt largely due to the suitability of the hall itself and to my position in it.

The strings were somewhat rougher than in the Mendelssohn and they were apt to "tune-up" a little too loudly between movements. Dr. Wong was particularly happy in the first movement with its gaiety and swift joyous passages.

The piano soloist was Miss Nacy Chiu, who has a useful technique which is equal to extremely difficult works. Her playing of Liszt's "Gondoliers" from the Venice and Naples series was very smooth and pleasantly reminiscent of the picturesque boatmen.

In "St Francis Walking on the Waters," she certainly tackled the difficulties bravely, but they were so engrossing that they took up most of her attention leaving little for interpretation. These tremendous "transcendental" pieces of Liszt are really meant for a highly experienced and very strong player, with the brilliance of a Kailash or Kailash. However, Miss Chiu has considerable capabilities and received a great ovation.

REAL TENOR VOICE
Miss Ella Kiang, soprano, and Mr. John Sung, tenor, each gave a group of songs, both European and Chinese. Miss Kiang has a strong and straight-forward voice, still with a slight hardness. Mr. Sung's tenor is a real one, not a light baritone trying to

Cross-Examination Of Defendant On Company Shares

Mrs Wong Yu-shi, a defendant in an action involving a family estate before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court, was this morning cross-examined by Counsel for the plaintiff on the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company shares she held. She did not agree that she had no documents to substantiate her claim that she bought and paid for the shares.

Plaintiff, Wong Ying-kuen, ticket collector of 8 Bedford Road, is the grandson of the late Mr Wong Chai-ho and son of the late Mr Wong Yuk-shu. He is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, and Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Messrs Deneen.

Defendants are Mrs Wong Yu-shi, Mrs Wong Yan-shi (the long wife of Mr Wong Yuk-shu) and four children, Wong Cheuk-fong, Wong Shu-kuen, Wong Shuk-ping and Wong Pik-kuen.

Mr V. J. L. D'Aillon, instructed by Mr G. S. Ford, of Ford, Kwan & Co., appears for first defendant, Mr Terence Shurlock, instructed by M.K. Lam & Co., is representing second, fourth, fifth and sixth defendants.

Plaintiff is suing for accounts and enquiries in respect of the estates of the deceased, for the Court's direction as to the share of benefits to be received from them by members of the family and for the appointment of the judicial trustee as administrator of both estates.

SHARE SCRIPS
In answer to Mr McNeill, Wong Yu-shi, widow, of 246 Fa Yuen Street, said that on the date that an agreement was signed to sell a house she was given share scrips for 131 shares of the Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Company. She said she later gave the scrips to Wong Yuk-shu who gave her money for them, and that she gave him a receipt for the money received.

Witness said that scrips for 100 shares were lost. Asked how many shares in the name of Wong Chai-ho, were in the safe to which she had the key, and which was alleged to have been removed from her room by the plaintiff, witness said there were 437 shares, showing a shortage of 138 shares.

Witness said she received no receipt from Wong Yuk-shu when she bought shares from him and was told that she need not fear the transaction would not be recognised. She said she had no documents to substantiate her story that she bought and paid for the shares. Witness said that the share scrips were handed to her in Mr P. C. Woo's office. She said she paid 12,000 Japanese yen to Wong Yuk-shu for the shares. Counsel said that there was a receipt to show that she paid only 270 yen. She replied she paid other sums in various other places.

Hearing continues.

3 Constables Charged

Three police constables, charged with corruption, were this morning remanded for three days by Mr A. A. Higgins at Kowloon Magistracy.

All defendants were alleged to have corruptly received \$70 from a Chinese male, Wong Bing, at a side-lane near the Kam Tong Restaurant, Shanghai Street on February 3, as a reward for forbearing to prosecute him for possession of heroin.

Defendants are Cheung Koon-shing, 20, Yau Kwai, 20, and Choi Ming-sun, 25. First defendant was represented by Mr G. Hampton of Hastings and Co.

Staff Quarters Fire

A small fire broke out this morning in the staff quarters of the Dairy Farm Co. Ltd. at Pokfulam Road. Damage was slight.

Mishap To Plane

A Cathay Pacific Airways DC4, burst one of its tyres while landing at Kai Tak this morning from Bangkok.

No one was injured.

COLLIDES WITH CAR

Slight damage was caused to a private car at the Star Ferry, Kowloon, this morning when a bus collided with the open door of the car. There were no injuries.

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